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President-elect Bill Clinton spelling out his priorities at a news conference Thursday in Little Rock with Vice President-elect Al Gore.

Clinton's Economic Remedy: Stimulate, Then Attack Deficit

He Stresses Shifting Needs Quick Dose of Spending

Bill Clinton said Thursday that his 3d success

with leaner armed forces. Speaking at his first full-fledged press conference since his election last week, the president-elect also stressed that U.S. security requirements were shifting in the post-Cold War world, requiring more emphasis on economic vigor and international cooperation.

Mr. Clinton said he would proose a multiyear defense budget that I think keeps the defense of this country the strongest in the world and deals with the necessity to downscale" U.S. military forces. At the same time, he said, his

dministration, which takes office Jan. 20, would pursue nuclear arms cuts "with Russia and other nuclear powers" and that he would redouble U.S. efforts to curb the international proliferation of weapons of mass destruction. In answer to a question, Mr. Clinton expressed concern about North Korea's potential for developing atomic weapons.

He also committed his new administration to the pursuit of the

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches that President George Bush and LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas — Secretary of State James A. Baker No. I national security goal as between Israel and some of its president would be to assure that Arab neighbors. He said he wanted the United States remained the to keep "the Middle East peace strongest military power on Earth, process on track and doing whatever I can to make sure there is no break in continuity."

As he had during the election campaign, Mr. Clinton said a main pillar of security would be global economic growth, premised on a strong American economy.

He said trade talks would entail efforts to compose differences with Europe and Mexico.

He said he favored "a cooperative strategy with the other major economic powers to promote global growth, something which will help us very much."

Mr. Clinton said he wanted "a secretary of state who understands that we have obligations of continuity and obligations of change, and that basically the pillars of our national security and foreign policy ought to be a different but still very strong defense, a commitment to global growth and economic regeneration here, and the fulfilling of our responsibility as the world's sole superpower to try to promote democracy and freedom and re-

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Of Post-Cold War Security Intended to Foster Growth

By Lawrence Malkin

President-elect Bill Clinton publicly committed himself Thursday to giving the U.S. economy a quick boost and laid out a short and focused list of domestic policy priorities from his presidential cam-

Appearing at the Arkansas State House in Little Rock, Mr. Clinton quickly settled an argument among

A diverse 48 were named to usher Mr. Clinton into office, Page 3.

his economic advisers over whether to risk stimulating the economy in the face of a stubbornly large federal budget deficit.

Mr. Clinton came down on the side of those favoring stimulus but was careful not to say by how much, and he hinted that some of the money might come from addisimply transfer the fiscal juice in the economy but not increase it.

Most of his advisers also say that the economic problems in the United States include both short-term sluggishness and the need for longcommitted himself to both - with

recting it to investment.

"I believe that we cannot balance this budget unless we can get more economic growth than we've got," he said. "We need to have a program for economic growth. We have to have a clear plan for deficit reduction. To ignore the deficit is a great mistake. We need increased investment, and gradual, disci-plined reduction of the deficit."

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The president-elect said he would ask Congress to offer tax credits to business for investment in new plant and equipment and to appropriate money for spending on road, water and other public works projects that are on the drawing boards of local governments and ready to go.

Private consultants had estimated that the tax plan, already outlined in the campaign, would create half a million private-sector jobs, Mr. Clinton said. He would not, however, commit himself to any specific dollar figure for the publicworks job stimulus. Private economists reckon that each \$1 billion produces about 25,000 jobs. Spendng targets ranging from \$20 billion to \$50 billion have been mentioned.

The exact size of the package will also depend on the state of the

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Many in Egypt Lendan Ear to Call of Islamic Extremism

By Chris Hedges New York Times Service

CAIRO - As dusk settled over Luxor Street -- a rutted dirt brack that cuts t smoldering heaps of garbage, mud-brick hovels, bakeries and vegetable carts white-robed Islamic militants gathered, in defiance of a government ban, to call for

"Islam is at war on many fronts!" a speaker shouted, scared under a banner urging his followers to kill all nonbeliev-ers. "We must rid ourselves of the infidels who rule this country, the Jews, the Christians and the Communists! All are different, but all are united in their determination to exterminate Muslims!"

The meeting, which drew some 400 men. was a graphic display of the new boldness of the militants and the increasing impotence of the Egyptian authorities, who at night often withdraw from some Cairo shuns, like Luxor Street in Imbaba.

It was also a signal that Egypt, with onethird of the Arab world's population, is in danger of losing its struggle against the regional spread of militant Islam.

The militants' declaration of war on

foreign tourists has already threatened an industry that pumps \$3 billion a year into the Egyptian economy. The militants are also driving Coptic Christians, who make up 10 percent of Egypt's population of 56 million, from rural villages, and they have cowed many of their critics with the assassion of the property of their critics with the assassion of the property of their critics with the assassion of the property of their critics with the assassion of the property of their critics with the assassion of the property of their critics with the assassion of the property of t sination in June of Faraq Foda, a wellknown anti-fundamentalist writer.

Alarmed by these actions — and con-

cerned with the rise of fundamentalist violence in Algeria, the rearming of Iran, and the emergence of an Islamic state in Sudan - the government of President Hosni Mubarak has opened the most serious drive against the militants in three years.

In the last week, the police have arrested more than 150 militants in Asyut, 200 miles (about 320 kilometers) south of Cairo, as part of a security campaign to pre-vent the kind of attacks that have killed at

least 70 people in the last year.

In July, the government instituted the death penalty for anyone belonging to a "terrorist" organization. The law also broadened the powers given to security forces under a 1981 emergency decree, and the security decree, and the security decrees the security decrees the security decree. including the right to detain people with-

"We have adopted very tough measures See EGYPT. Page 5

Tourist Attack Hurts 7 in Egypt

CAIRO - Five German tourists and two Egyptians were wounded Thursday when gunmen hit a tourist bus as it drove through the southern Egyptian town of

It was the fourth serious attack on tourists since Muslim militants fighting an underground war with the government warned in September that tourists would not be safe in Qena Province.

Security sources said four men fired on the tourist bus as it was driving through Qens, 400 kilometers (250 miles) south of Cairo, on its way from Loxor. A traffic policeman arrested one of the attackers, who was carrying an automatic rifle, but

Bush Finds Plenty of Time to Fish, and Too Much Time to Think

By Ann Devroy

WASHINGTON -- His speechwriters prepared statesmanlike, stoic words for the night he lost his presidency, but George Bush, fearful of breaking down in public, would not say them on election night. He tried some of them in his radio address Saturday and a bit more Tuesday night at a Senate dinner, and almost

This has been, by all accounts, a rough week for the 41st president of the United States, as the shock of losing has given way to what aides ness during meetings with aides and a determination to leave power gracefully. Edwin Meese 3d, the former Reagan admini-administration, Mr. Bush has issued ethics agenda.

Day on, a lame duck presidency is like a balloon that has spring a leak, its power ebbing until none is left on the day the new

ancy has seemed far more abrupt: one day leader of the Free World; the next surrounded by hundreds of aides hunting for jobs, facing an empty phone log, and making poignant midnight visits to the Vietnam Veterans Me-

The attention is all on Little Rock, Arkansas,

out the revolving door. A set of guidelines on when and how officials must remove themselves from policy discussions if they affect prospective employers was sent to all White House officials this week.

The White House chief of staff, James A. Baker 3d, who went straight from election loss to hunting and fishing on his Texas ranch, returned to Washington on Wednesday for the first dose of his new life as a formerly powerful person. He and Mr. Clinton's transition chairman, Vernon E. Jordan Jr., met at Mr. Baker's with the ethics rules that will bind his incoming real business of any note was to be on the

of Washington version of a "courtesy call," a message from Mr. Baker that this transition will be done without rancor and with full acknowledgment of who has won and who has lost, a "drink between friends, one who has been there, one who is there," as an aide put it.

The work that lame-duck presidents have to do goes on. Before he left for his Florida fishing trip Wednesday, Mr. Bush signed what will be his last two pieces of legislation, both minor bills left from the last Congress. Aboard Air Force One, Mr. Bush called Mr. Clinton and invited him to the White House for what

"I can assure you there will be no more

gracious a transition than this one will be," a Bush aide said.

Gracious it will probably be, with Mr. Bush raised from first breath to win and lose gracefully and display good sportsmanship at all times in all games, even politics. But there are no signs yet that the president is at peace with what happened to him last week. If anything, he has described it in terms more cataclysmic

than any neutral analysts have. In his remarks to a Republican gathering Tuesday night, he said he intended to get some rest in Florida and "think about what has been, While President-elect Bill Clinton wrestles two men have been friends for years and no has become a traditional visit and tour next be spoke of a defeat "of this magnitude and of

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Saga of the 'Boat People' Finally Drawing to a Close

By Nicholas D. Kristof

New York Times Service HONG KONG - After 17 years in which more than 1.6 million Victnamese fled their homeland, the exodus appears to have ended and experts say they believe that the long catas-trophe of the "boat people" is finally winding

No one knows how many Vietnamese were drowned at sea or stanghtered by pirates while trying to escape. Even for those who landed safely in places like Hong Kong, there has been no quick deliverance: About 48,000 Vietnamese are still living in bleak camps here in this British territory, with some waiting fruitlessly for a decade to be resettled in the West.

The numbers suggest that the huge migration has ended: Only 12 Vietnamese have arrived in Hong Kong so far this year, compared with more than 20,000 in the same period of 1991. New arrivals have also slowed to a trickle elsewhere in Southeast Asia. In the first eight months of 1992, only 18 Vietnamese landed in Indonesia, nine in Thailand, one in Malaysia and none at all in Singapore, Macao or the

"Everything points to the fact that this is a problem that is passing into the pages of history," said Brian J. Bresnihan, refugee coordinator for the Hong Kong government. "The decline in the exodus is one of the most important elements of this, and the other is the increased willingness of people in the camps to return to

A year or two ago, the refugee problem was regularly modified by the adjective "insoluble." Last year, 21,900 Vietnamese arrivals were reported by Southeast Asian countries, on top of 32,100 in 1990 and 70,000 in 1989.

In Hong Kong, which despite its tiny area houses as many Vietnamese refugees all the

other nations in the region combined, the num-ber of Vietnamese children born in the camps exceeded the number of people returning to Vietnam. Some young children had no memo-nics of anything but life behind the high fences of the camps, locked in a world that was virtually a prison, run by gangs more than by guards.

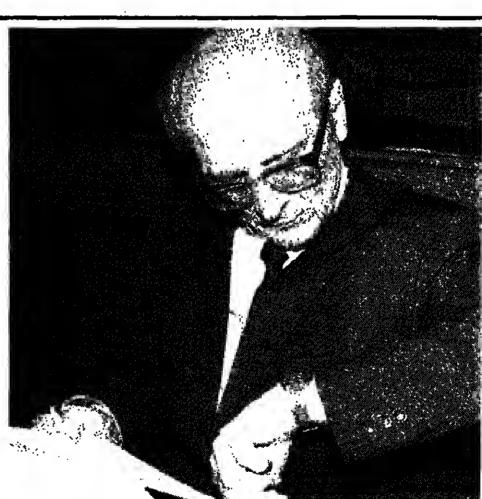
Only a tiny proportion of the Victnamese are deemed to be political refugees, eligible for resettlement in the West. The rest are locked up in the camps, where they live in conditions that are intentionally grim so as to encourage them to go back home. Mostly they stayed in the hope that something would change and that they would be able to go to the United States. Since the autumn of 1991, however, the munber returning to Vietnam has picked up sharply, to an average of about 1,000 a month. A record 1,400 are expected to return this month.

In part, people are going back because of the growing realization that no other country will take them and in part because of the perception that the economy in Vietnam is opening up and offering new opportunities. Special videos have been shown to the Vietnamese in the camps, emphasizing the improving living conditions in

"The message is getting through about what the realities are," said Robert Van Leeuwen, chief of the Hong Kong mission of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

The Hong Kong government interviews all the Vietnamese arrivals to screen out those whom it regards as political refugees.

There is such a huge backlog of Vietnamese refugees that even in the best of circumstances it will be two or three years before the camps here are empty. It could be longer in other countries, such as Indonesia, with 15,000 Vietnamese, or Malaysia, with nearly 11,000.



TIME FOR HONECKER TRIAL - Erich Honecker, the former East German leader, consulting his watch Thursday during the first session of his manslaughter trial in Berlin. Page 5.

Kiosk

Dutch Ratify Maastricht Pact

THE HAGUE (AFP) - The ly voted on Thursday to ratify the

Maastricht treaty.

The treaty, which was signed on Feb. 7 by the European Community's 12 member states, was approved by Dutch representatives, 137 to 13.

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Germany agreed to pay Solia to repatriate thousands of Bulgari-Legislation is on hold as scandal rules Japanese politics. Page 2.

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Britain, cutting interest rates, set out plans to nudge the economy back on track.

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The Very Model of a Modern Mugger Takes Some Very Real Lumps

By John Tierney

New York Times Service NEW YORK - David Tull recently became the newest fully certified Model Mugger in New York. He earned his certificate not by magging models but by modeling as a imager, which is possibly the toughest job in the city.

As an instructor at the Model Mugging selfdefense course for women, he has days when

his "to do" list looks something like this: Attempt to mug four women. Try to rape eight others. Tackle them, whisper horribly vile threats, tie their hands, cover their mouths with duct tape or pillow cases. Fail every time. Get elbowed in the jaw aix times, jabbed in the eyes 20 times, kicked in the groin 60 times. End up helplessly prone, swearing inside a 40-pound padded suit, as his head is stomped by a "vic-tim" and the audience cheers wiklly.

"Sometimes I wake up thinking, 'Ooh, boy, I'm really not looking forward to this day,' said Mr. Tull, 29. "I know I really have to be an abusive jerk, and it's hard for me to cross over to the dark side.

"I guess it's a job with kind of a Catch-22: If you really liked doing it, then you're probably not appropriate for the job."

Appropriate Model Muggers must have a special blend of toughness and sensitivity: the capacity to take beating after beating and then join in group discussions featuring frequent mentions of "healing" and "empowerment" The class, taught in a gymnasium on Manhattan's Upper East Side, is billed as the only selfdefense course that "allows its students to fight full force to vital areas of the body."

The Model Muggers have consequently devoted a lot of effort to equipment design. By

injuries were once recurring problems, and one pioneering museer was knocked out 17 times they have built a suit and helmet with threeinch padding that protects against the techniques taught in the class.

"The worst ones to take are the axe kicks to the head," Mr. Tull said, referring to a straightlegged downward kick administered when the woman is lying on her side and the mugger's head is between her beel and the floor.

"The helmet protects you, but you still feel the force of the blows," he said. "You feet a little bit of pain, not a lot, and you feel the helmet compressing. It'll give you a headache

The most difficult part of the job, Mr. Tall said, is the talking. When he's m action he thinks of himself as a character named Loco -

the name is on his helmet - whose conversational style ranges from the sadistic to the drug-crazed to the psychotic.

"I have to go out there and say these really nasty things," he explained. "I'm out there saying. 'You're a slut. I'm going to kill you,' and a woman might start to cry or just dissociate and go blank. I know that there's a big payoff for her in the long run, but it's hard to stand there and inflict emotional pain."

The biggest acting challenge comes during the "custom conversation scenario," when each woman confronts her fears by writing a role for a magger to play.

Often the muggers are given dialogue from characters in a woman's past, like an incestuous father or an abusive boyfriend. Sometimes they play less well-defined roles, like a wom-

an's anxiety about being ugly or inadequate. Always, they get beat up.

"During my training I watched one mugger play cancer," Mr. Tull said. "He came after the woman in kind of a maniacal way, saying 'I got your mother. I'm going to get you.' I did a scenario where I was a woman's classmate in grade school and I called her Four Eyes. Of course, I had to expand it. It would be hard to get someone to attack you just for that.

"So I was generally abusive to her: "You're ugly, you look stupid with those glasses, nobody's ever going to love you.' But sometimes in these scenarios you actually have to attack them before they'll react. You start gauging your performance in kind of a bizarre way: Well, gee, the other mugger made one of the

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Japanese Press

Extends Its Gag

On Crown Prince

Washington Post Service

TOKYO — The Japanese News-paper Association voted Thursday to end its voluntary blackout on

news storics about Crown Prince

Naruhito's search for a bride - but

The media association said it

would continue the nine-month-

old moratorium on royal romance

reporting, but only until February.

At that point, reporters will appar-

ently resume covering the prince's

efforts at courtship. The media have voluntarily embargoed cover-

age to give the 32-year-old heir to the Japanese throne a chance to

Some reporters here have been

complaining about the collective

vow of silence, and the associa-

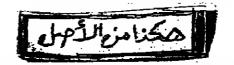
tion's decision Thursday seems to

be an effort to reach a compromise between the reporters and the Im-

find a princess in private.

perial Household Agency.

not right away.



Legislation Waits As Scandals Rule Japan's Politics

TOKYO - The bad news for Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa and his party is that their public-approval rating has plummeted again — down to a meager 14 percent in the latest national poll. The good news for Mr. Miyazawa is that nobody else in Japanese

With voters parading their anger, a feisty press dishing out almost daily revelations on the current political payoff scandal, and the dominant Liberal Democratic Party engaged in open civil war, neither Mr. Miyazawa nor anyone else in politics gets much respect

from a thoroughly disillusioned public.

Business leaders called on the prime minister and opposition leaders this week to bring order to the current special session of the national Diet, or parliament. The session, scheduled to end in early December, is supposed to approve a multibillion-dollar supplemental budget to finance the government's big economic-stimulus pack-

age.

So far, though, the prime minister and his party have spent the entire session trading barbs with the opposition over the scandisk. Business groups and financial markets are nervous that the politick-

Most political observers predict the money will eventually be provided. The Liberal Democrats could probably ram the budget bill through in a couple of days, if that became necessary. The chairman of the opposition Socialist Party, Makoto Tanabe, said his party would not hold the budget bill hostage.

With neither the power nor any strong reason to block the supplemental budget, the opposition parties seem satisfied to use the ion as a platform to expose the details of the so-called Sagawa

This case, the subject of a sensational criminal trial now under way, involves a mob-related express-delivery company, Sagawa Kyubin, that illegally gave millions of dollars to senior members of the Liberal Democratic Party. The Sagawa case has already claimed as a victim Shin Kanema

who was until last month the dominant party's most powerful kingmaker. Mr. Kanemaru admitted receiving \$4 million in illegal funds from Sagawa — a payoff so big that the cash had to be delivered in a grocery cart. Public rage drove him into retiring from

Despite the political price he paid, Mr. Kanemaru got off with a plea bargain and a wrist slap from the federal prosecutors, severely undermining public esteem for the prosecutors.

Now, as if to prove their spunk, the prosecutors have begun releasing new information embarrassing to the Liberal Democrats. Last week, they publicized a deposition alleging a bizarre arrangement under which the party had paid large sums to buy favor from a

tiny rightist political group.

This transaction reportedly occurred in 1987, when Noboru Take shita was a candidate for prime minister. The Kominto, a conservative group that has roughly the stature here that the Ku Klux Klan has in the Umited States, took to the streets with sound trucks shouting the praises of Mr. Takeshita,

shakedown; the small group was trying to embarrass Mr. Takeshita with a tactic known as homegoroshi, or "praise him to death."

To stop this, the prosecutors said, Mr. Takeshita and other Liberal Democratic figures conferred with organized-crime leaders and then paid a large sum of hush money to the Kominto.

According to the information released by prosecutors, this was a

When prosecutors alleged this last week, the party's response was to attack the messenger; its leadership declared it would sue the public prosecutor for libel. That announcement brought a new flood of ridicule from press and public, so the party dropped the idea.

Officer Who Urged a Coup Is Dismissed by the Army

TOKYO — The Japanese government said Thursday it had dismissed an army officer who called for a coup to clean up political

Major Shinsaku Yanai, an instructor on military strategy and

history at an army academy, wrote last month in an influential magazine that Japan needed either a coup or a revolution to sweep away corrupt politicians. He has been dishonorably discharged. "Under no circumstances must we ever forgive him for expressing

Mr. Yanai, a former member of the army intelligence corps, made no mention of any actual plan for a coup or what sort of following such a move might attract. The agency spokesman said the remarks not only triggered fears among Japanese but also tarnished the reputation of the Self-Defense Forces.

were refused asylum in return for German financial aid of 28 million Deutsche marks (\$17.6 million) over the next five years. About 25,000 Bulgarians have views supporting a coup against democracy," a Defense Agency applied for asylum this year. They have virtually no chance of being

accepted, however, because officials feel political persecution has all but ended in Bulgaria.

The statement said that Bulgaria needed to "improve job possibil-ties to encourage" its nationals "to its nationals who were refused political asylum, the German govern-ment said Thursday. return home and stay." Similar agreements signed with The repatriation accord is the Poland and Romania have been

An Israeli soldier checking his rifle on Thursday at a tent camp on the border between Israel and Lebu

controlled by the Palestine Liberation Organi-

laj's membership in the PNC lapsed at the

1991 and therefore be is not currently a member

The clashes in Lebanon were part of heightened tensions along the border between Israel and Lebanon. Muslims have recently shelled

northern Israel, prompting Israeli artillery fire that has driven Lebanese civilians north.

in the clash with pro-Iranian Hezbollah fighters in Kafra, officers with the UN Interim Force in

Three other Nepalese soldiers were wounded

from 18 percent, in Western Ger-many and to 30 percent, from 16 percent, in Eastern Germany.

In another development related

to Germany's struggle to cope with

hundreds of thousands of refugees,

pledged a major effort on Thursday

"I will do everything in my pow

crept into the German military.

Trip to U.K.

Is Just a Walk

In the Tunnel

LILLE France - Five

French students sneaked into the Channel tunnel at night

and walked 38 kilometers to

England to win a wager, offi-

cials said Thursday.

The five men, aged 25 to 31, entered the French end of the unfinished tunnel through ventilation ducts shortly after

3 A.M. on Wednesday. Wear-

ing work overalls, they walked

unchallenged through the con-

struction site until they

emerged 15 hours later, into

the arms of beamsed British

They were handed over to

the police in France after per-suading investigators they were not terrorists and only

police officers.

(Reuters, AP)

extremist violence.

clusion of the last session of the PNC in

OTTAWA - Negotiators in Washington

and Ottawa said Thursday that Middle East

peace negotiations would continue despite fresh violence in Lebanon.

Muslim guerrillas and United Nations peace-keepers exchanged fire in southern Lebanon,

killing one guerrilla and a Nepalese soldier, the

An Israeli soldier and a guerrilla were killed

In Washington, an Israeli negotiator, Uri

and two Israeli soldiers were wounded in a

Lubrani, said peace talks between Israel and Lebanon would continue despite the violence.

The talks resumed Thursday after a one-day

In Ottawa, Israel agreed to rejoin a confer-

ence on refugees after receiving assurances that the head of the Palestinian delegation was no longer a member of a Palestinian organization

that functions as a parliament in exile.

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BONN - Germany will pay

Bulgaria to repatriate thousands of

criticized for appearing to legiti-mize demands of rightist groups for

mass deportations of asylum-seek-ers, who have been the target of

The German interior minister, Rudolf Sciters, and the Bulgarian deputy minister of social affairs,

Jordan Christoskov, signed an

agreement in Bonn committing So-

fia to repatriate Bulgarians who

attacks by xenophobic gangs.

largest single German aid project with post-Communist Bulgaria, the Defense Minister Volker Rühe ministry said. Germany expects a record half a million asylum-seekers this year. In

the first nine months of 1992, the greatest number of refugees — 104,330 — were from former Yugo-slav republics, followed by 90,000 Romanians, 25,000 Bulgarians and 23,000 Turks. A leading polling group, the Al-

that Germany was a social powder keg, with a growing minority sympathizing with racists attacking forcieners and believing that only violence could bring political change. The institute said in its monthly

report that the number of respondents who said they understood the reasons for racist violence rose to A German Interior Ministry 16 percent in October, from 12 perstatement said Bulgarian asylum- cent in October 1991.

Bonn Will Repatriate Bulgarians **Belgrade Threatens** Deal With Sofia Calls for \$17 Million in German Aid sceners were primarily unskilled laborers hoping to improve their standard of living. The statement of living. **Croat Force**

Washington Past Service
BELGRADE — As another cease-fire in Bosnia unraveled Thursday, Yugoslavia's president threatened to send Yugoslav Army troops against Croatian forces to protect Serbs living in eastern Bosnîa-Herzegovina.

to remove radical rightists from the German military after revelations that soldiers had been involved in er so that the image of the military is not damaged through violent acts by individual soldiers," Mr. Rühe said at a meeting of German mili-

Government officials said Wednesday that soldiers with radi-cal right beliefs had been involved in three killings, at least 20 attacks on shelters for asylum-seekers and the spreading of extremist propa-ganda. It was the first official dis-SHIES."

closure that rightist radicalism had timued heavy attacks on Thursday in eastern Bosnia-Herzegovina. Croat and Muslim-controlled media meanwhile, said there were Scrbian cease-fire violations in the central, northern and western parts of the country.

A UN spokesman in Sarajevo said at midday that "by local stan-dards, the cease-fire is holding." But a few hours later, Reuters reported that two mortars landed near a city hospital. Since the war started in Bosnia in April, scores of cease-fires have failed.

Despite Fighting, Mideast Talks Go On Fundamentalist guerrillas fired at the Nepa-lese patrol after it ordered them to abandon a

The villages are just north of Israel's self-proclaimed security zone, designed to shield its northern settlements from guernilla attacks. The official Iranian press agency, IRNA, blamed the clash on the UN soldiers. It said they fired on a Hezboliah ambulance, killing a

The Israeli soldier and the guerrilla died when Hezboliah forces attacked Israeli troops in the hilltop hamlet of Reshaf, which over-

Israeli artillery fired at the two villages, and

The Israelis walked out of the talks on Wednesday, objecting to the participation of Mohammed Hallaj because he has been a memsurveillance position in the village, said a UN ber of the Palestine National Council, which is spokesman, Timur Goksei. The guerrillas also attacked Nepalese troops in nearby Yater and Sribbine, Mr. Goksel said. After all-night negotiations to resolve the impasse, the U.S. representative told the conference, "It is our understanding that Dr. Hal-

looks the villages of Kafra and Yater, security sources said.

an Israeli helicopter gunship strafed ravines where guerrillas believed to be were hiding, the sources said. (AP, Reuters)

By Blaine Harden

President Dobrica Cosic sent a message to the United Nations secretary-general, Butros Butros Ghali, urging him to use his influ-ence to stop what he said was a four-day offensive by 16 brigades Serbian communities near the Adriatic Sea.

Mr. Cosic said that if Crostian forces did not "give up combat op-erations immediately," he would be "forced to undertake decisive mea-

Belgrade media reported that Croatian and Muslim forces con-

Western diplomats in Belgrade said that a full-scale incursion by the federal army into Bosnia-Herzegovina would wreck UN-brokered peace talks in Geneva. They also said such a move could trigger harsher economic sanctions and rekindle a war between Yugoslav and Croatian forces that ended early his

Army withdrew from Bosnia in June, leaving behind a lunge cache of arms, which Bosnian Serb fighters have used to seize control of about 70 percent of the country. But the Serbs' weakest link has been in the far eastern region, which borders Croatia.

WORLD BRIEFS

Collor Now Faces Criminal Charges

RIO DE JANEIRO (WP) - Fernando Collor de Mello, who was suspended as president in September on corruption charges, now must also answer to criminal charges that he condoned and even profited from

a kickback scan.

The Brazilian general prosecutor, Aristides Junqueira, filed formal charges Thursday against Mr. Collor and nine associates. They are alleged to have taken millions of dollars in illicit gifts and graft payments. If Mr. Collor is found guilty, he could be sentenced to up to eight years in prison. He is facing a Senate impeachment trial.

Russia Suspends Chechenia Pullout

MOSCOW (Reuters) — Russia on Thursday suspended its decision to withdraw troops from around the southern rebel republic of Chechenia, saying the region had broken an agreement on the pullout.

saying the region had broken an agreement on the pullout.

A government spokesman said armed Chechen units had moved into a disputed border area with neighboring Ingushetia on Wednesday after acting the Russian prime minister, Yegor T. Gaidar, and local leaders agreed the Russian troops would be withdrawn.

Russia sent troops into Ingushetia this week after bloody ethnic clashes between Ingush and neighboring North Osserians in which almost 300 people have been killed. Chechenia, an oil-producing region with a population of 1.3 million, declared independence from Russia a year ago.

Ireland Presses EC for Increased Aid

BONN (Reuters) — Prime Minister Albert Reynolds of Ireland said Thursday that the European Community could not open negotiations with prospective new members until agreement was reached on additional aid for poorer BC countries.

Mr. Reynolds spoke after meeting with Chancellor Heimut Kohl of Germany, who strongly supports applications by Sweden, Austria and Finland to join the EC and wants formal negotiations with them to start at the beginning of 1993. He needs the agreement of all 11 of his EC

Mr. Reynolds said that Ireland, which has Europe's highest unemployment rate, needed agreement on increasing EC programs to help poorer members. "Our position was that if they weren't dealt with we wouldn't be supporting enlargement," he said.

180 Thais Missing After Crackdown

BANGKOK (AP) — The Interior Ministry said Thursday that 180 copie remained missing six months after a bloody army crackdown on pro-democracy demonstrators.

pro-democracy demonstrators.

Thousands of people demonstrated in Bangkok in May, demanding the removal of the unelected prime minister, Sachinda Kraprayoou. Troops opened fire, killing 44 people, according to Interior Ministry figures.

Naiyana Pittayayon, a spokeswoman for the ministry, said the number reported missing had decreased from 1,300 in late May to 180. Prodemocracy groups have claimed that hundreds of protesters were killed and secretly buried, but they have no evidence. Shortly before his resignation in late May, General Suchinda issued an amnesty decree for all parties in the bloodshed, including top commanders, himself and prodemocracy leaders. The House of Representatives rejected the decree last month, but a constitutional panel ruled it valid on Monday.

Study Links Smoking and Infertility

LONDON (Renters) - Smoking has a direct, harmful effect on women trying to conceive and can be a cause of infertility, according to a report published Friday in the British medical journal The Lancet.

"Infertile women and probably their husbands — because of the effect of passive smoking — should therefore be advised to stop, or at least

reduce, smoking," the study said. Researchers at the University of Bristol Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology investigated the effects of cotinine, a breakdown product of nicotine, in 45 infertile women who were undergoing in-vitro, or test tube, fertilization. They found a two-thirds reduction in the proportion of eggs fertilized in women who had detectable cotinine in their reproductive

Military Chiefs Resign in Colombia

BOGOTA (Reuters) — The heads of the Colombian air force, army and navy unexpectedly resigned on Thursday, four days after President Cesar Gaviria Trujillo declared a military crackdown on Marxist guerrillas. They offered no public explanation.

A Defense Ministry spokesman confirmed that General Jame Forero

Quinones, chief of the air force and acting overall chief of the armed forces, had resigned the day after Mr. Gaviria declared a national state of

Officials said the army chief, General Manuel Alberto Murillo, the navy commander, Admiral Gustavo Adolfo Angel Mejia and the deputy armed forces commander, General Farouk Yanine Diaz, also resigned. Some diplomats and political commentators have criticized the armed forces for a lack of effectiveness against the country's estimated 8,000

For the Record

South Korea will hold presidential elections Dec. 18 to choose a successor to President Roh Tae Woo, who will step down at the end of his five-year term in February, the government decided Thursday. (UPI)

A senior African National Coursess official, Hlalanathi Sibankulu, was murdered in Natal Province, the ANC said Thursday. He was the second senior ANC official killed in Natal in less than three weeks. (Reuters) Bad weather caused an Indonesian made plane to crash last month, killing all 31 people on board, the director-general of Indonesian air transport, Zainudin Sikado, said Thursday. (Reuters)

The British Foreign Office said Thursday that it was summoning Iran's top diplomat to condemn new Iranian calls for the death of the British author Salman Rushdie. (Reuters)

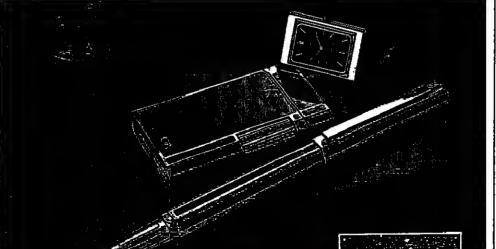
A convey of 34 trucks carrying food to starving Somalis was raked by gunfire and halted near the south-central town of Baidon, an aid official said Thursday. Only one truck managed to get through to Baidon, and 27 returned the 200 kilometers (125 miles) to Mogadishu, he said. (AP)

TRAVEL UPDATE

An Italian truck drivers group, Unatras, on Thursday threatened a nine-day national strike beginning Nov. 28 unless the government granted them tax breaks and agreed to increase spending on roads. (Reuters) Reindeer in Finland have been given reflecting neckbands so drivers can see them better on the dark, Arctic roads in winter.

Ground was broken Thursday in Secul for a \$13 billion airport intended to become the most advanced in Northeast Asia by 2020. It is to be built on 14,000 acres (5,700 hectares) of reclaimed tideland linking four islands off the western coast, Transportation Ministry officials said. (UPI)

The Cambodian tourism office reports that about 37,000 tourists visited Cambodia in the first six months of this year, more than 10 times the figure for the whole of 1990, when the civil war was raging. (Resters) South Korea's National Railroad is considering a plan to reserve some coaches for women, as sexual harassment is rampant on the Seoul subway



would not have one quickly.

Mr. Clinton did make his first

economic appointment: Robert B. Reich, a professor at Harvard Uni-

versity and prolific writer on the

evolution of the international econ-

omy, as head of the economic tran-

sition team to lay out the options

on policy and personnel, but not to

make them. As Mr. Clinton said

when asked about who would be

making the choices themselves, he replied forcefully, "I am."

economy at the John F. Kennedy

School of Government, was a class-

mate of Mr. Clinton's when both

were Rhodes scholars in England

and at Yale Law School. He is not

an economist but a public-policy

Mr. Reich, professor of political

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CLINTON: A Quick Spending Plan to Lift Economy specialist who has written exten-sively on the need for public invest-pecially in the rising cost of Medio-(Continued from page 1) economy when Mr. Clinton takes

ment to support private industry.

His appointment as head of the balloon the deficit. Many policy office on Jan. 20 and on the opinions of the appointees chosen to economic transition team does not specialists in Washington say this carry out his program. Mr. Clinton necessarily point to a position of action in cutting Medicaid costs power in the new administration, offers his biggest hope of finding but more likely a position of influence. gave no hint about the appointments, saying only that he was working on his cabinet team but ence as a senior adviser.

Although Mr. Clinton was asked to give a list of his foreign-policy

priorities, the economy dominated both the news conference and, obviously, his thinking.

He said he wanted to set his domestic priorities and "proceed with discipline," thus fulfilling the hopes of supporters who had urged him not to repeat the mistake of the Carter administration in spreading

its energies too thinly over a dozen Mr. Clinton picked out only four

First, a short-term and "aggres-sive program of job creation," followed by a longer-term program to

cut the budget.

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Second, a program to cut "the

Clinton's statement shows he is aware of their thinking. If Medic-aid costs are unchecked, the cost of that one health program alone is estimated to rise from \$66 billion this year to \$112 billion by the end of his four-year term.

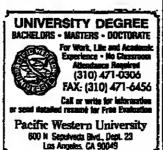
Third, reform of the system of

campaign finance, which is widely attacked as corrupting the U.S. po-litical process with special-interest contributions to Congress.

Fourth, Mr. Clinton said be

would do his best to have some form of national service program. He has proposed creating such a program to help pay university tu-nion in the United States, whose high cost has begun to make higher education unattainable for middle-

class students. This left his commitments to job training, education reform, investment incentives and industrial policy for later. Mr. said that he had to have a short-term agenda and a tivity that can create jobs and raise



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strain the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction." He said he wanted his principal

national security aides — he men-tioned the secretary of state, secretary of defense and national security adviser - to be able to work together well as a team.

Mr. Clinton admires the way

that Mr. Baker, Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney and Brent Scowcroft, the national security adviser, meshed to conduct defense and foreign policy in the Bush administration, a marked change from the latter bureaucratic battles that hampered both administra-tions of President Ronald Reagan. Mr. Clinton's stress on promot-

ing democracy abroad could quickly raise tensions with China, whose human rights infractions were not confronted by the Bush adminis-tration as much as the Democratic Congress would have liked. Congress, for example, attempted to make trade with China match more closely dependent on Chinese human rights practices. Mr. Bush pre-

One of the issues Mr. Clinton large-scale Haitian attempts to gain entry in the United States.

Mr. Clinton has criticized the
Bush administration policy of stopping would-be immigrants at sea

and turning them back without a of them have a well founded case to seek entry as political refugees.
Some Bush administration officials estimate that 200,000 to

500,000 Haitians could try to leave the island for the United States as soon as Mr. Clinton is inaugurated. Asked about the problem on Thursday, Mr. Clinton said again that he planned to change U.S. policy toward Haitian boat people by setting up a way for these refugees to make their case for asylum in the United States.

"I believe that there is a legitimate distinction between political and economic refugees," he said at his news conference. "But I think that we should have a process in which these Haitians have a chance to make their case."

Major Rebuffs Ashdown In Iraq Arms Dispute

LONDON - Prime Minister John Major denied Thursday that he had misled Parliament over British sales of military hardware to Iraq and said it was not yet clear whether any regulations had been

Mr. Major, answering questions in the House of Commons, said the judicial inquiry be ordered earlier this week would resolve what has threatened to become a serious embarrassment for his govern-

"It is not clear at all that they were breached," the prime minister said, referring to the government's rules on exporting arms of

military hardware to Iraq. The opposition Liberal Democrat leader, Paddy Ashdown, wrote to Mr. Major insisting that he clarify earlier assurances that Britain

was not contravening its own rules on exporting arms or military But the prime minister, responding directly to Mr. Ashdown, said the Liberal Democrat leader had "wrongly complained" that he had

been misled.

been misted.
"That is not the case," Mr. Major said.
Mr. Major's statement followed the government's abandonment earlier on Thursday of a second trial involving British businessmen earner on managery of a second man involving pritish businessure-accused of selling military hardware to Iraq. This and a similar case were dropped because evidence appeared to suggest the arms export guidelines had been breached with at least some ministerial knowl2.2 12: 1

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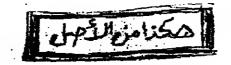
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Clinton Confronts Military, Gingerly, on Homosexuality Issue

Quayle to Make a Last Steb at Wetlands Rules

WASHINGTON - Vice President Dan Quayle and his staff are planning a last-ditch attempt to lossen rules that prevent landowners from developing wetlands, a move that would touch off a final battle within the Bush administration over one of its thomiest environmen-

The attempt would please developers and landowners like farmers, whose lobbyists have been pressing hard for the administration to make the change.

But the administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency William K. Reilly, who would have to approve any such change, sa in an interview that he was satisfied with current wetlands rules, which date from 1987. His remarks signal that he is not willing to endorse proposed changes that have been under negotiation within the administration for months.

A senior official on Mr. Quayle's staff said that there was "a split of opinion" within the administration on whether to proceed with the changes, and that it could probably be accomplished only if all parties, including Mr. Reilly, were satisfied.

White House officials on both sides of the dispute said that Mr. Quayle's staff on the Council on Competitiveness, a group headed by the vice president that reviews regulations with an eye on cutting costs to industry, wants to make the changes by the end of the year. Congressional approval would not be necessary.

Clinton's Long Hand in Personnel Decisions

LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas - President-elect Bill Clinton has decided on a personnel recruitment process intended to guarantee the White House a dominant role in staffing decisions - and thus over future policy - not only for the cabinet but deep into the ranks

of all major government agencies.

Sources said that Mr. Clinton's transition team, in one of its first major decisions, has opted not to give cabinet officers a free hand in

Instead, the Clinton team has committed itself to what one termed a "negative checkoff" system. Under this approach, neither the White House personnel operation nor the cabinet officers will be able to force an appointment that the other side does not want, sources in the transition process said. The process is meant to assure that the incoming administration is

staffed with individuals committed to the new president's policies, while maintaining a collegial atmosphere.

"There is no way we are going to give the secretaries choices without Clinton and Vice President-elect Al Gore being involved," said an adviser to Mr. Clinton. "But they will sit down with the personnel team and they can both nix each other's ideas." (LAT)

inquiry Widens in Passport Search Scandal

WASHINGTON — State Department officials and congressional auditors said they were investigating whether anyone from the White House or President George Bush's re-election campaign was involved in searching passport records for information damaging to

Sherman M. Funk, inspector-general of the State Department, said that his investigators were examining evidence that there might be such a connection. He also said he had promising "leads" but refused to specify what evidence suggested that there might have been conversations between White House and State Department officials on the subject.

The inspector-general's staff has interviewed many people at the White House, but has apparently not talked to anyone in the Bush, Clinton or Perot campaigns.

The State Department official who supervised the searches of passport records, Elizabeth M. Tamposi, cleared out her office Wednesday after being dismissed by Mr. Bush on Tuesday. (NYT)

Hillary Clinton Gets a Magazine of Her Own

WASHINGTON - Maybe Dan Quayle can breathe a sigh of relief now with the demise of the naughty little Quayle Quarterly. But Hillary Clinton beware. Frank Marafiote of Concord, New Hampshire, promises to launch

his own \$15-a-year newsletter - the Hillary Clinton Quarterly which will offer regular updates on her, the Clintons' marriage and how the relationship influences "American policy and politics."

Mr. Marafiote, who refers to himself as a corporate refugee (he

used to work in banking), says he's just trying to create a little excitement and actually likes Hillary and voted for Bill. This is not to ridicule Hillary," he said. "We want to focus on what she says about issues and how people react to her." And, of course, there'll be some "affectionate satire."

As far as how Mrs. Clinton will take it, he says, "I think she has a sense of humor and I hope she subscribes."

Quote-Unquote

Geoffrey Garin, a Democratic poll-taker, on the independent candidacy of Ross Perot: "The Perot constituency has neither a coherent ideology nor an institutional framework in which to operate. On Nov. 3, Perot was a resting place for a lot of unhappy voters

Away From Politics

Nearly 40 percent of those teaching in U.S. colleges and universities are working part-time, with little or no chance of advancement or job security, according to a new study by the American Association of University Professors.

A jogger was shot and killed near a northwestern Connecticut reservoir by a hunter who told the police he had mistaken the man, Kevin Elliott, 33, for a deer.

Two teenage Florida boys were arrested in connection with a string of sniper and rock-throwing attacks on motorists along a stretch of Interstate 295 in the last few months. They are to be charged with attempted murder in the shooting in July of Debra Lewis, 38.

The blood-fluming medicine Warfaria could virtually eliminate the 75,000 strokes resulting each year in the United States from a common heart condition called atrial fibrillation, according to a new study in the New England Journal of Medicine. It is the fourth published since 1989 showing that Warfarin is highly effective.

• In a noninvasive prenatal test, Tennessee doctors have identified in the blood of pregnant women chromosomal abnormalities of the type that produce Down's syndrome and other severe birth defects in

Cigarettes are being smoked three times more in motion pictures than in the actual population, according to a study by researchers at University of California, San Francisco.

 California will be allowed to carry out welfare reductions. The permission, from the Bush administration, clears the way next month for an across the board cut in cash benefits and restrictions on payments to new residents. AP, NYT, LAT

BUSH: A Pervasive Melancholy

(Continued from page 1) this hurtfulness and of this enormi-

While Mr. Bush's electoral defeat was major, his popular vote margin brought him only five per-centage points away from Mr. Clinton, not a close race but also not a landslide or the massive repudiation his sides once feared

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At the dimer, he and Senator Bob Dole, Republican of Kansza, who was vanquished by Mr. Bush in the 1980 and 1988 presidential primaries, engaged in sorrowful salutes, a strange end for two men who had fought each other so strongly and for so long. From there, the president went back to the Village Research but not for long. the White House, but not for long.

Shortly before midnight, he called his press secretary, Marlin Fitzwater, to say he and his wife, Barbara, were going to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial a few blocks away. "I'm not taking anyone with

ns," he said. No press entourage and cameras and long line of limes and vans and all the security and news media paraphernalia usually involved in a presidential trip. And that is how the Bushes went, the two of them and a handful of Secret Service aides, his only near-private forzy outside the White House bubble in 12 years, eight as vice president and four as president.

By Eric Schmitt

New York Times Service

General Colin L. Powell, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, has said removing the ban "would be prejudicial to good order and discipline." The military has dismissed more than 17,000 homosexuals orientation secret. in the last decade to enforce the policy.

As commander in chief, Mr. Clinton can army, and Mr. Clinton's aides say he will do that shortly after he becomes president

day seemed to acknowledge the need to would create serious management prob-negotiate the method and pace of the lems. change with General Powell and his col-

leagues to gain their support. Mr. Clinton there is no privacy, where you don't get ering whether to allow homosexuals to that the ban will be lifted immediately, said he that before acting he would confer choice of association, where you don't get serve in the military: "The issue ought to be allowing homosexuals to collist in the ser-

NEWS ANALYSIS

Many officers say that the problem is not that homosexuals are there but that if impose his order on the armed forces, just the ban was lifted they would openly disas President Harry S. Truman did in 1948 play their homosexuality, possibly underdid when he ordered the integration of the mining the morale and discipline of fighting units.

han 20.

His remarks at a news conference Thurssea or in extreme combat conditions —

"It is difficult in a military setting where Thursday, Mr. Clinton said that in consid- to study broader steps. But it is more likely

WASHINGTON — In saying that he with senior military officials. But he with senior military officials. But he with senior military officials. But he choice of where you live, to introduce a conduct. Has anybody done anything that vices and existing service members to stop would honor his campaign pledge to lift the secural orientation. Some progroup of individuals who are proud, brave. would disqualify them from service? loyal, good Americans but who favor a Mr. Clinton is walking a fine lim military's ben on homosexuals, President—
elect Bill Clinton is challenging one of the military's most entrenched traditions.

Senior military commanders acknowlloyal, good Americans but who favor a homosexual infestyle, General Powell said trues who homosexual infestyle, General Powell said trues who homosexual in testimony before the House Budget traditions. Committee earlier this year.

> over various drafts of an executive order that would ban sexual discrimination in the problems military. Some Clinton advisers say that senior members of the transition team in hostility and ignorance about what gay Little Rock, Arkansas, and in Washington are in the early stages of formulating a new

people to change attitudes overnight. It's official said. one of the most tricky issues that could be

At the news conference in Little Rock on

campaign and avoiding a rash of resigna-Clinton campaign advisers are poring tions that has been threatened in the tradition-bound military, as well as recruiting

"There's a huge amount of superstition, people are," a senior Pentagon official said.
"Certainly, it's wrong-headed, but it's real and exists.

"So the question becomes: How do you military, and he's sensitive to that culture." do do this in a way that says to the country said one official familiar with Mr. ClinField commanders insist that sharing ton's transition team. "You can't expect to degrade the ability of the military?" the

Some proposals that Clinton advisers are now reviewing would halt the discharge of homosexuals and then move gradually

Mr. Clinton is walking a fine line be-posals go as far as reinstating discharged service members with back pay, a financial burden that Mr. Clinton is unlikely to

> 'I don't think there will be any kind of fine lines drawn or lengthy executive order," said David Mixner, a fund-raiser and adviser to the Clinton campaigo on gay issues. The only commitment he made was that there'd be no discrimination against gays in the military in the future."

Public opinion polls show that most Americans favor lifting the ban, though it is unclear how deep that support runs.

One traditional reason for keeping homosexuals out of the military has been discarded. A study done for the Pentagon a few years ago found that homosexuals were no more of a security risk, in this case,

mail, than other soldiers.

Lifting Ban, U.S. to Follow Most in NATO

By Alan Riding

New York Times Service PARIS - If President-elect Bill Clinton goes ahead with his promise to lift the ban on homosexuals in the military, Britain will become the only member of NATO still maintaining a strict policy of ex-cluding homosexuals from its armed forces.

Elsewhere in the 16-nation North Atlantic Treaty Organization, most governments either have laws protecting homosexuals from discrimination, including in the military, or follow policies that make no distinction between homosexuals and heterosexuals, even when it comes to military duties requiring special security clear-

Some armed forces, though, concede that homosexuals are not enormously welcome in their ranks. In these cases, however, homosexuals often insist on disclosing their sexual orientation - and some heterosexuals insist that they, too, are homosexual - in order to avoid

Significantly, outright bans on homosexuals wearing military uni-forms have been maintained longest in the three NATO members that have replaced the draft with all-volunteer armed forces - the United States, Britain and Canada,

But on Oct. 27, Canada eliminathomosexuals in its armed forces forces." after a court ruled that its prior policy of exclusion or discrimination violated the country's 1982 Charter of Rights and Freedom.

Canadian military regulations had required anyone who suspected another member of the armed forces of being a homosexnal to report the matter. If a commanding officer decided the homosexual should be released from service, this was to be done "with a minimum of publicity." But if the person in question refused to resign, he or she could expect no further pro-

The court ruling came in a case involving a homosexual protocol officer, Michelle Douglas, who sued the armed forces for discrimination that forced her resignation. After the ruling, General John de Chastelain, chief of the defense staff, announced that all Canadians "regardless of their sexual orientation" could serve in the mili-

motion.

Britain's position, though, remains inflexible, A Defense Ministry spokesman in London said that, while volunteers are not asked if they are homosexual, if they are found to be carrying out homosexual activities while in the services they are asked to leave the military.

The armed forces feel it is not an appropriate mode of behavior to have in the armed forces," the spokesman said. "It may be tolerated in the rest of society. Indeed, homosexuality is no longer a bar to employment in the civil service. But ed all barriers to the enlistment of it is not acceptable to the armed

The spokesman said that, until a change in the law earlier this year, homosexual activities in the armed

charged from service through an administrative procedure. "Since Perhans surprisingly, eve they are subject to military law, ing the rightist dictatorship of Gen-

courts," the spokesman said.
The Netherlands, in contrast, has among the most liberal policies toward homosexuals. "There is no policy because they are treated in the same way as any other people," said a Defense Ministry spokesman. "Most people live at home and what they do in their private lives is none of our business."

Germany also has no anti-homomosexnals cannot be excluded from the armed forces, although homosexual relations between military personnel while on duty are illegal.
"What you do off base or in off-

word," fense Ministry spokesman, homo-sexual, he will not normally be re-quired to do military service. tary service if they convince examining physicians that the ex-perience would be psychologically

entry of homosexuals into the armed forces," he said.

punishing for them, "But there is

Now, he said, homosexuals are dis- "If discovered, they tend to leave

Perhaps surprisingly, even durthere is no appeal to civilian eral Francisco Franco, Spain has had a liberal attitude toward homosexuals in the military. One Madrid journalist recalled that, when he carried out his military service 20 years ago, homosexuals faced no discrimination. "Some were assigned kitchen duty," he recalled.

Today, according to a Defense Ministry spokeswoman in Madrid. "sexual orientation is a matter of sexual legislation and therefore hotistics on the number of homosexnals in the army were kept and no draftees were excluded because of their sexual preference.

In Italy, homosexuals were excluded from the military until 1985, duty hours is your husiness," a said but since then there has been no Defense Ministry spokesman in ban on their joining. However, a Bonn. Discretion is the code Defense Ministry spokesman in Rome said that, if a man is identi-In France, according to a De- fied as or admits to being a homo-

As in other West European countries that are not members of NATO, Switzerland also does not discriminate against homosexuals no law or regulation forbidding the in the military, At NATO's Brussels headquar-

ters, the 1,250 civilian and 350 mili-The spokesman nonetheless con- tary employees are subject to no ceded that, if a draftee were openly special security clearance when homosexual, he may have difficulty they join the staff. Rather, each being accepted by his colleagues. government that assigns a civilian There are homosexuals in the per- or military office to the alliance is manent armed forces, but they tend responsible for insuring they can to hide their preference," he said. handle military and other secrets.



Petty Officer Keith Meinhold arriving Thursday at Moffett Naval Air Station in California after a court reinstated him. The navy had discharged him after he acknowledged that he was a homosexual.

An Eclectic Group To Run Transition

By Thomas L. Friedman New York Times Service

LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas -President-elect Bill Clinton completted a transition team Friday that is notable for its diversity in age, sex and ethnic background and that will help him shape his administration's early domestic and for-

cign policies.

The transition staff includes whites, blacks and Hispanics, an almost equal number of men and women, a mix of youth and experience, gentiles and Jews, and people who worked with Mr. Clinton during the campaign and old friends. I want an administration that

looks like America," said Mr. Cin-ton in a news conference at the old Arkansas State House, where he unveiled his team, headed by Vernon E. Jordan Jr., the Washington lobbyist, and Warren M. Christo-

pher, a Los Angeles lawyer.

The top economic adviser on the Clinton transition team will be Robert B. Reich, a Harvard professor known for his view that in an interconnected world, the two main factors that determine a country's ability to compete economically are the quality of its work force and of its intrastructure — roads, bridges

and communications systems.
His writings have clearly influenced Mr. Clinton's economic agenda, which stresses government assistance for the retraining of American workers, apprentric programs, making college tuition available in return for public service jobs and immediately injecting \$20 billion into the economy to upgrade the nation's infrastructure.
The National Security post on
the transition team will be held by

Samuel Berger, who served as a deputy director of the Policy Plan-Staff at the State Department in the Carter administration and is an old friend of Mr. Clinton's from college. Mr. Berger has spent the last 12 years as a law partner in the Washington firm of Hogan and Hartsen, and his views on specific foreign policy issues could best be described as in the mainstream of the Democratic Party.

His deputies will be Leon Fuerth, the foreign affairs adviser to Vice President-elect Al Gore, and Nancy Soderberg, the foreign affairs coordinator during the campaign, who formerly served as an adviser to Senator Edward M. Kennedy, Democrat of Massachu Team Members

Among those named to the tran-

sition jobs, according to an Associ-ated Press report: Al From, president of the Democratic Leadership Council, will oversee domestic policy, and Judy Feder, who directed the Pepper Commission study of the nation's medical care system, will head

tors, three top campaign strategists.

— Mark Gearan, George Stephanopoulos and David Wilhelm were named top deputies to Mr.

Alexis Herman, deputy leader of the Democratic National Committee, was put in charge of studying the operations of the executive

Mr. Gearan and Ms. Herman will play major roles in managing transition offices in Washington, while Mr. Wilhelm and Mr. Stephanopoulos work out of Little Rock directing political and comnunications operations.

an agency-by-agency approach un-der which policy "cluster groups" would study agencies and recom-mend any structural changes, as well as make personnel recommen-Results of each team's departmental review will be ready to hand

to a cabinet secretary once Mr.

Clinton makes the appointment,

Aides said Mr. Clinton planned

the aides said. Cabinet appointments are not likely for at least a ulator, Carol Browner, will be named to head Vice President-elect Gore's transition team, sources in Florida and Little Rock said Thursday. Ms. Browner, who once served as Mr. Gore's top legislative aide, is among those mentioned for a senior administration post, either

Agency or in Mr. Gore's office. The Democratic National Committee chairman, Ronald H. Brown, was named chairman of the

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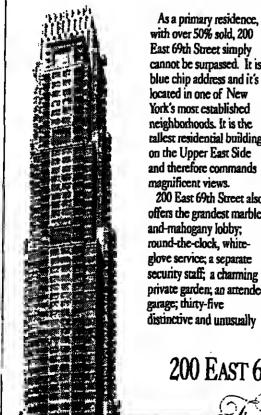
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Just five years ago, Mr. Hon-ecker was welcomed in Bonn with

military honors and greeted on a red carpet by Chancellor Helmut Kohl. Leading German politicians

met with him and drank toasts to his health, among them some who now condemn him as a murderer.

his stay in Moscow, Mr. Honecker

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ity, but about political revenge,

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Those who have pressed for the

trial, however, argue that someone must be held responsible for kill-ings on the East-West border.

"What right does the German

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on history?" he asked.

In a pamphlet he wrote during

limited the trial to two three-hour

Honecker's First Day on Trial

Ill Health Clouds Future of Case Against 6 East Germans

By Stephen Kinzer New York Times Service BERLIN — The most spectacolar political trial Germany has seen since the war crimes tribunal in Nuremberg opened Thursday with the former East German leader, Erich Honecker, and five of his close collaborators charged with manslaughter in the deaths of 13 East Germans killed as they tried

to fice Westward. But doubts about whether the trial will be able to proceed were reinforced when lawyers for one of the defendants, the former East German prime minister Willi Stoph, reported that their client had suffered a heart attack and could not be present. The presiding judge, Hansgeorg Brautigam, re-cessed the trial until Monday.

Mr. Stoph is 78, and Mr. Honecker, who is 80, suffers from liver cancer and has a maximum of 17 months to live, according to doc-

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The other defendants are Erich Mielke, 74, longtime chief of the dreaded East German secret police known as the Stasi; former Defense Minister Heinz Kessler, 72; his former deputy, Fritz Streletz, 66, and Hans Albrecht, 72, who was the Communist Party chief in a border district where several people were killed while running toward West German territory.

Mr. Mielke is already on trial for allegedly shooting two German po-lice officers when he was a young anti-Nazi fighter in 1931.

In recent months, more than a dozen former East German border guards have been brought to trial on charges of killing would-be refugees, and some have been convict-ed. The trial that opened Thursday, however, marks the first attempt to fix blame for the killings on East German leaders.

Germans who have expressed doubts about the wisdom of hold-

In the gilded courtroom, Mr. ing this trial Politicians and legal Honecker and his erstwhile com- experts have argued the question. rades sat across from relatives of . Some who oppose the trial are some of the 13 victims for whose offended by the spectacle of aged deaths they are being tried. The and sick men being brought to relatives have joined the case as co-

Five of the victims were shot to death as they tried to run across the "death strip" that separated East Berlin from West Berlin. The other will endanger their clients' health. eight were killed by mines or guns activated by trip wires.

No document has been found in which Mr. Honecker or anyone else explicitly ordered border guards to shoot fleeing citizens, although on at least two occasions Mr. Honecker suggested strongly that he had issued or approved such an order. The cases of victims killed by amountic devices were included in the indictment so that the case can proceed even if the defendants are found not responsible for the actions of border guards.

Mr. Honecker was the East German official responsible for con-struction of the Berlin Wall in 1961. Ten years later, he assumed leadership of the East German government and its ruling Comm Party. He held both posts until he was forced from office by a popular processing in 1989.

Supporters of the defendants have formed the Committee of Solidarity With Erich Honecker and Other Persecuted Communists in courtroom Tharsday, and when one of them shouted, "Erich, Red Front!" Mr. Honecker turned and raised his index and middle fingers in a victory salute.

this trial," said Karl Wilnerm Fricke, author of several books about the East German legal system. "Otherwise we would be saying that there is never any punishment for crimes committed by

thizers, however, are not the only governments."

ASIAN TOPICS

Japanese Is Making Inroads As a Worldwide Language

Japanese is slowly becoming an interna-tional language, Mark O'Neill of Reuters reports from Tokyo. Almost a million people worldwide are studying Japanese, compared with only 128,000 in 1979. There is a shortage of qualified teachers, especially for those studying the language outside Japan.

For generations, the only foreigners who studied Japanese were a few Western diplomats, scholars and missionaries, plus the Taiwanese, Chinese and Koreans who came to live in Japan by choice or coer-

The effort to learn a foreign language was preponderantly on the Japanese side.

Japanese companies devoted considerable resources to training staff in foreign languages, especially English, in spearhead their export drive.

The boomlet in studying Japanese began only in the 1980s, when foreigners saw the chance to work in Japan, to sell to the Japanese market or to cater to Japanese tourists. Most of the Japanese-language students in Japan are Koreans, followed by Chinese, Australians, Indonesians and Americans.

Within Japan, teaching the language has become hig business, with more than 800 schools and colleges now offering courses, compared with 437 in 1986.

Around Asia

Under guidelines of the UN Transitional Authority in Cambodia, troops of the international peacekeeping force are allowed to use their weapons only in selfdefense. The rules are even stricter for the 600-man Japanese contingent — the first Japanese troops to be deployed abroad

since World War II. The Japanese Defense Agency, apparently anxious not to revive memories of Japan's ravages in Asia in the 1930s and 1940s, ordered that even when firing in self-defense, soldiers must first fire warning shots in the air, and then aim only at the feet or other nonvital parts of their attackers.

Shanghai is trying to remake itself as Asia's center of finance, trade, culture and fashion, as it was before the 1949 Communist revolution. During the 1980s, the central government repeatedly pledged to re-vive Shanghai, but did little. While provinces in the south forged ahead on their own, Shanghai hung back. The southern provinces were allowed to keep most of their profits from private endeavors, but Shanghai, dominated by state industry, had to send its earnings of govern-ment-owned companies to the central government, leaving little to invest at home. Now, however, Beijing has chosen Shanghai as the focal point of new market reforms. Local officials are being given

more authority and foreign investment is booming. In the first half of 1992, the city approved 502 foreign-financed projects totaling \$8% million, nearly triple the level of the same period last year.

A former Indian Air Force pilot who became a Hindu holy man emerged from a sealed tank in New Delhi where he claimed to have stayed four days underwater. Critics said it was a hoax. With 5,000 devotees looking on, organizers rolled back a plastic tarpaulin covering a nine-foot-deep (2.74-meters) water-filled pit to reveal Kapil Adwait, popularly known as Pilot Baba, floating face down. "I have mastered the art of surviving in conditions akin to that in the womh," the fakir told the crowd. The Indian Rationalist Association said two pipes at the bottom of the pit may have been used to drain the water. Press accounts said Pilot Baba's body was wrinkled only below the waist, throwing doubt on his claim to have been totally submerged.

Arthur Higbee

As Beijing Fulminates, Hong Kong Flourishes

International Herald Tribune HONG KONG - China lashed out at Hong Kong legislators and the British government Thursday, one day after the colony's Legislative Council disregarded threats from Beijing and voted to endorse Governor Chris Patten's package of democratic reforms.

But the colony's stock market, notoriously jittery, continued to raily in the face of rising political tension between Britain, the colony and its future rulers in China.

A dispatch by the Xinhua press agency, China's chief representa-tive in the colony, charged that the vote was "carried out under the pressure of the British Hong Kong authorities." It accused London of "ignoring the repeated sincere ad-

By Laurence Zuckerman vice of the Chinese government" cil elections while still leaving only new officials if Mr. Patten pursues and attempting to sabotage the 20 of its 60 members directly elect-his program. Despite this ultimasmooth return of Hong Kong to

> The dispatch reiterated longtime Chinese claims that the Legislative Connacil was only "a consultative body to the governor" that had no right to overthrow agreements beween Britain and China. Mr. Patten, who was in Vancou-

ver on an official visit to Canada. praised the council debate and dismissed the Xinhua statement. "I think that what people in Hong Kong want is a rational discussion rather than empty threats," he said. Beijing and London have been at odds since Mr. Patten unveiled a series of nominal political reforms

ed. The restriction was laid down in turn - arguably the toughest isthe Basic Law, Hong Kong's post-1997 constitution.

are directly elected, while the remainder were either appointed by Mr. Patten's predecessor, elected by commercial or trade constituencies, or are members ex officio.

Beijing has strongly objected to month, the Patten plan, contending that it percent. violates both the Basic Law and the 1984 Chinese-British Joint Declaration that set out the terms for faith in Beijing's commitment to Hong Kong's return to China in capitalist development of China 1997 under the formula "one coun-

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sued to the colony by Beijing since the Joint Declaration was signed has enjoyed a bull marker.

The blue-chip Hang Seng Index closed at 6,447.11 Thursday, setting a record for the second day in a row. Since Mr. Patten's speech last month, the market has risen 15.35

Observers credit the market's strong performance to widespread and Hong Kong's role as its largest supplier of foreign investment and

of Next, a Cantonese-language magazine. "People understand that sooner or later China is going to have to kowtow to money, and Currently, 12 council members the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong money is what Hong Kong has

Since the enormous international media attention given to the visit by China's paramount leader. Deng Xiaoping, earlier this year to the booming special economic zones bordering Macao and Hong Kong, international investors, too, have gained unprecedented confidence in China's future.

This faith was cemented last month when the Chinese Communist Party's 14th Party Congress adopted Mr. Deng's market-orient-

EGYPT: Rise of Fundamentalism

(Continued from page 1)

against those who engage in terror-ism," said Mr. Mubarak's spokes-man, Mohammed Abdel Moneim, and they are going to find it very

difficult to operate." Several militants have been killed by the police, who said the men were resisting arrest, including seven holed up in an apartment in the town of Manqabad in August. Hundreds of suspects have been tossed into prison. There, human rights groups say, they are frequently tortured, an assertion that

Egyptian officials deny.

But many wonder if the campaign will be enough.
The Egyptian government has instituted a significant crackdown that is proving harder to implement than previously thought," a Western diplomat said, "due to a combination of government inefficiency

and more resiliency than expected from the Islamic groups." Government critics also argue that the barsh response will fuel

"The Islamic groups," said Mo-hammed Heikal, a political analyst, are succeeding in turning the re-gime from an institution that keeps law and order to a body only seek-

court judge, symbolizes the fate of many of those who defy the funda-mentalists. He only leaves his home cight days a month, to deliver verdicts. The remainder of his time he waits in his shuttered apartment with four anned guards for what he believes will be a violent end to a

quiet, cerebral life.
"My murder," he said, "may be part of my mission." The despondency of Mr. Ashmawy is countered by the emberance of the militants, who find ea-

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ger converts among the legions of idle men in the slums and villages. There are now daily incidents involving fundamentalists, incinding a shoot-out in Cairo on Sunday between the police and a militant suspected of having murdered a Christian jeweler. Like several others leading the movement, the militant had fought with Muslim rebels

in the war in Afghanistan.

"Our movement is growing,"
said a leader of the Islamic Group
as he stood near an array of religious books spread out for sale in Imbaba. "People believe the gov-ernment is incapable of helping them, that it will never offer them a voice in the running of the country and that it is corrupt and brutal."

Militants provide funds to the destitute, run clinics, mediate disputes and patrol against common crime. In many poor neighbor-hoods, hard hit by the earthquake that struck Cairo on Oct. 12, the militants were the only groups dis-pensing food and blankers for the When we have trouble, the

Muslims come quickly to help," said Ragab Gabir Mohammed, 58. a shop owner. "If someone treats you unfairly, you can go to the Muslims and they will speak to him or beat him. If someone tries to flirt with your daughter, they threaten

The honesty of the militants and their attempts to alleviate the a former actress and fitness trainer. grinding poverty impress many Egyptians, who are often cynical

about government corruption. When you go see a government clerk, he just opens his drawer to take your money," Mr. Moham-

Wafa Abdel Latif lives with her six children in one of the tents set up by the fundamentalists for famthes left homeless after the earthquake. She is one of thousands whose embrace of unlitant Islam has more to do with social welfare

government school, he suffered When a magger recently violated it, memory loss, had trouble walking he was benished permanently. government school, he suffered

and began to shake uncontrollably. Mrs. Latif said that she took him repeatedly to hospitals, but that after waits of six or seven hours the doctors always sent them home.

"The brothers brought two nearologists to look at him," she said, referring to the fundamentalists. They gave him medicine and now he can walk. He is much improved. Every day they give our family fruit, bread, meat, sugar and rice." While few go so far as to predict that the ruling National Democrat-ic Party is in danger of falling.

many access the party, which has governed Egypt since the 1952 coup led by Gamai Abdel Nasser, of having lost its sense of mission. "There are no grass-roots organizations to compete with the fundamentalists," Mr. Ashmawy said.
"On the street level, there is a powor vacuum that the fundamentalists

have filled. The consequences for the state will be disastrous." The muncipal elections early this month, which gave the ruling posts, appeared to many just an other example of the government's refusal to loosen its grip on power.

the elections, as they had the 1990 parliamentary elections. The Islamic Group has emerged as the most influential militant organization, supplanting the more established Muslim Brotherhood, whose leaders maintain that they

stand for nonviolence. Despite their differences, the Muslim Brotherhood and the Istionship that government officials contend is often very close. The Islamic Group appeared in

Egyptian universities some 15 years ago and quickly built an alliance with Jihad, which in 1981 orga-

There is no one leader who dominates any of the movements, but many members follow the teachings of Sheikh Omar Abdel Rahman, 54, a blind theologian who cace taught in the university in Asynt and is now in exile in Brooklyn, New York.

The Islamic Group calls for the violent overthrow of the government, whose officials it denounces as infidels because they refuse to govern according to strict Islamic

MUG: Some Real Lumps

(Continued from page 1) women cry. Maybe I'm not being

hard enough."
Mr. Tull, who directs a home for mentally retarded men when he is arts instructor took him to watch a class. He was selected for the job, which pays from \$30 to \$40 an hour, by a nonprofit group, Resources for Personal Empower-

ment, which runs the classes.
"Dave embodies all the aspec we're looking for in a mngger," said the group's director, Laine Jastram, "He's very skilled physically, he's in touch with his feelings, and he's

"At first he was so gentlemanly that we had to tell him to get meaner. A mugger has to try to use every cue to humiliate a woman, because that's what this is all about - cet ting mad at him so we get even and

An observer might suspect that there is one side benefit from being a Model Mugger: At least you get to meet a lot of women on the job.

The Model Muggers, though, are She said that after her son Handi received a severe beating six years ago from his teacher in a the policy is strictly enforced. IT'S NOT JUST

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Herald Eribune.

Where Are the Leaders?

The outbreak of racist violence and propaganda in Germany is part of a Europe-wide problem. But Germany's history and future

Weizsäcker, has spoken out repeatedly for tolerance and the rule of law.

But Mr. von Weizsäcker's role is largely obligations impose a special duty to resist the ceremonial. Real power in Germany rests rising tide of hate. Germany cannot let with the leaders of its major parties: the a recurrence of racism threaten its continuing quest for a constructive role in Europe.

Too many of Germany's leaders, starting with Chancellor Helmut Kohl, duck this duty. Reductant to risk political capital for principle, they blame everyone but the trou-blemakers who are arising like a nightmare out of the past, and not just in the formerly Communist Fact

The number of attacks against foreigners recorded so far this year is more than five times the total in 1990. Gypsies, Asians and Africans have been the most frequent victims of the attacks; disaffected young people have been the main perpetrators. A national network of neo-Nazi groups encourages the violence. Jews, human rights defenders and other traditional targets also feel threatened.

Many Germans have expressed sympa-thy for the racists. But polls, and rallies like the one Sunday in Berlin, indicate that many more are appalled, alarmed and ready to defend their democracy against a growing threat. In places where the authorities have moved strongly to enforce the law against racists — in Dresden, for example — the problem has been effectively contained. On the national level, Germany's federal president, Richard von

governing Christian Democrats and Free Democrats and the opposition Social Democrats. All three have defined the main problem as the rapid influx of foreigners. All three urge tighter restrictions on asylum seekers as the logical solution.

True, Germany is host to a disproportion-ate number of asylum seekers, given its prox-imity to the Balkans and the inhospitable asylum policies of its West European neighbors. At a time when many Germans are out of work, foreigners maintained on govern-

ment stipend make easy scapegoats.

But Germany is one of Europe's richest and largest states; refugees are not the root cause of its economic difficulties, or its politics of hate. A Germany that seeks Eu-ropean and world leadership simply cannot afford to slip back into dangerous fantasies

of ethnic purity.

Party leaders owe the German people this truth — and an unflinching campaign against racist hooliganism. For decades, Americans have optimistically believed that Germany had learned painfully hard leasons and had become a tolerant, dependably democratic state. That is also what most Germans desperately want to believe. Where are their leaders?

-THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Patten and the Chinese

The British are doing what they should do to prepare Hong Kong for being handed back to China in 1997. They are proposing to give more weight to the democratic components of the colony's governance, the better to ensure that the democratic aspirations of its 6 million residents not be swamped by reversion to authoritarian Chinese rule. Not that the new proposals would be received approves of what Governor pattern to consult to the democratic in a Western Pattern to consult to complete the region of the colony's governance, the region of the colony's governance, the region of the region of the region of the colony's governance, the region of the colony's governance, the region of the region nese rule. Not that the new proposals would make Hong Kong democratic in a Western sense. But there was more democratic pro-cedure in the relevant British-Chinese handover accord than previous governments in London had used. Prime Minister John Major's man in Hong Kong, Christopher Patten, is now trying to go still further.

The new governor is described as the first practicing politician to hold the post in British are not going back on their obligation to Beijing. They are going forward predecessors tended to be China hands, who, once the handover was set, believed Kong. China wants smoothness? What betthat it would go most smoothly by accom-modating Beijing. But as a politician, Mr. Patten seems more interested in expanding Hong Kong's practical embrace of democracy. The governor means to use Hong Kong's immense economic value to China in order to bargain on his proposals, not

to offer China preshrunk concessions.

China's aged leaders, unaccustomed to such democratic sass, are vigorously abus-

Patten is doing by more than 70 percent.

It is being said that the current fuss threatens the smoothness of the 1997 tranithreatens the smoothness or the 1997 transition. But this is not a mark against Mr. Patten's policy; it is a recommendation for it. Previously, Hong Kong was proceeding smoothly that China's tight grip. Now China is being called upon to relax its grip. ter way than to receive a territory that is clicking economically and is not seething in resistance to undemocratic political structures thrust upon it? People who value democracy should not make excuses for Beijing to take it away from Hong Kong,

-THE WASHINGTON POST.

Two Cases of Arming Iraq

chain of events, the Matrix Churchill pros-ecution has now collapsed with the great-weapons and missiles. Some of those exgovernment. It had charged three officials of Matrix Churchill, an Iraqi-owned company in Britain, with violating export con-trols by shipping the Iraqis machine tools to manofacture munitions. But two British intelligence agents testified that they had been working with the defendants. Then, to the prosecutors' further dismay, a former trade minister acknowledged that he had been fully informed of the exports and their military purposes. He had even en-couraged the illegal sales.

This trial has several striking similar-ities to a case in the United States in which the federal government is prosecuting Christopher Drogoul, the former manager of the Atlanta branch of BNL, the Banca Nazionale del Lavoro. Mr. Drogoul is charged with defrauding the parent bank by lending, allegedly without its knowl-edge, billions of its dollars to Iraq to buy, among other things, arms. He had earlier pleaded guilty, but withdrew that plea after the appearance of CIA documents stating that the parent bank knew exactly what he was doing.

The two cases are not unrelated. Matrix Churchill, the British company, had an committee has yet started an investigation American subsidiary in Cleveland. That sufficiently muscular to find out what subsidiary is one of the American compa-really happened. nies that in the late 1980s was exporting

In London, in a bizarre and dramatic machinery and technology to Iraq for the oorts were imanced by the Atlanta branch of Banca Nazionale del Lavoro.

Beginning in the middle 1980s the goveraments of many countries - Sandi Arabia, the United States, Britain and others - became deeply concerned that Iraq might lose its war with Iran, sending a wave of revolutionary Islamie fundamercalism throughout the region.

The recent revelations point to a possi-bility that the U.S. and British governments decided to break, covertly, their own export regulations to get Iraq the equipment and technology it needed to build up its army. Lawyers for the defendants in London argue that the British government made exactly that kind of a decision, at a very high level, and reiterated it periodically until two weeks before the Iraqis invaded Kuwait.

Britain's prime minister, John Major, has ordered an independent judicial inqui-ry. That is a reliable way to get some clear answers. In the United States, things have not gone as far. The Bush administration keeps angrily saying that there is nothing to the suspicions that the Atlanta case has raised. No congressional

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

Why Not Bipartisanship?

Here's what the three highest-ranking Republicans said after Governor Bill Clinton's election victory.

President George Bush: "The people have spoken and we respect the majesty of

the democratic system. Vice President Dan Quayle: "We must all pull together now."

Bob Dole, the Senate's Republican leader:

... 57 percent of the Americans who voted in the presidential election voted against Bill Clinton, and I intend to represent that majority on the floor of the U.S. Senate."

Mr. Dole later softened his tone. But why so rancorous in the first place? Why so instantly obstructionist — particularly when Americans have had their fill of divided government, and when Mr. Clinton's programs have yet to see the light of day?

publican in Washington, sees himself as chief standard-bearer for the opposition and is eager to consolidate his power. He is entitled to his aspirations, just as the nation is entitled to vigorous, constructive dissent. But what is good for Mr. Dole may not be good for the nation, or for his party. The Republicans cannot win trust

simply by being negative.
What is distressing is that Mr. Dole knows these lessons. He showed superlative skills, for example, when he forged a deal that helped rescue the Social Security system. A man who learned long ago the value of legislative compromise ought not to suggest, so quickly, that bipartisanship is a thing of the past.

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OPINION

Behind the Scenes, a Daring Game of Mideast Peace

N EW YORK — Obscured by the United States presidential campaign, the Syrian fox, President Hafez Assad, and the Israeli ox, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, have been playing a daring game of peace. Sometimes publicly, sometimes secretly, but always am-biguously and cleverly in their different ways.

Games are not bankable. But there is enough standard here to justify a major diplo-matic effort by experienced players in the Bush administration who could carry on in the Clinton administration.

The Assad-Rabin peace formula is old: land for peace. What is new is that each leader has positioned himself to make a deal. The diplomatic trick for the mediator is to maneuver both into saying the magic words simultaneously and with substance.

In secret, Mr. Rabin has hinted in the most intricate and deniable diplomatic language that he is prepared to withdraw totally from the Golan Heights in return for peace. But he

will not be more specific about withdrawal
until Mr. Assad demonstrates a commitment
to peace by word and deed.
In public and in Arabic for all Arabs to

By Leslie H. Gelb

hear, Mr. Assad has responded that he will give "total peace" for "total withdrawai." But he will not be specific about peace until Mr. Rabin commiss to full withdrawal. Meanwhile, he has put out the word through his diplomats that war with Israel is no longer an

acceptable choice for the Syrian people.

Both leaders are master strategists. Both have devised peace strategies. Now both have to figure out how to make peace politically palatable to each other and to their citizens,

ong consumed by mutual fear and hatred.

Mr. Rabin has decided that Israel must strive all out for a secure peace with Syria, Jordan and the Palestinians. Only peace will allow Israel to focus on its economic troubles

allow israel to locus on its economic troubles and absorb millions of immigrants. Only peace with immediate neighbors will permit Israel to focus on its greatest long-term threat — Iran.

The Israeli prime minister knows that he cannot make a deal with Syria unless Mr. Assad gets back all of the Golan Heights — just as President Sadat of Egypt got back all of Sinai in 1979, So Mr. Rabin has passed the

message to Damascus that Israel will "fully" message to Damascus that Israel will "fully" carry out UN resolutions regarding withdrawal from occupied territories. His formula omits the word "all," contrary to Arab demands. But it adds the word "fully," implying all the Golan. To square these cuncerns, Israel could grant Syria full sovereignty over the heights, then lease back the territory for an extended

period with security guarantees.

The dogged Israeli leader will not budge an inch further until the Syrian leader offers "consistent and concrete expressions of peace"— such as a face-to-face meeting. But Mr. Rabin does not insist that Mr. Assad come to Jerusalem, as did Anwar Sadat.

Mr. Assad's strategy remains essentially confrontational. He continues a major arms buildup. He still directs and backs terrorists. He still uses Islamic fundamentalists to in-timidate Palestinians seeking an autonomy agreement with Israel

agreement with Island.

In the second Arab objectives can no longer be attained by

force. And he has told his countrymen to be prepared for a "peace of the brave."

In sum, Mr. Assad seems to be toying with the idea of peace — as long as he thinks he might gain through peace what he cannot achieve by war: American and Israel acquiescence in a Greater Syria including all of the Golan, hegemony in Lebanon and primacy over Jordanians and Palestinians.

Israel and the United States cannot go nearly that far. But they can accommodate some Syrian ambitions and find advantages for themselves. With some rewards, Syria

for themselves. With some rewards, Syria could be induced to restrain anti-American, anti-Zionist, anti-peace fundamentalists and

anti-Zionist, anti-peace fundamentalists and become a counterweight to Iraq and Iran.

Skillful, experienced negotiators like James Baker and his team could do a lot with these Syrian-Israeli openings. President elect Bill Clinton could keep them on this case to reasure Middle Easterners and prove his commitment to a bipartisan foreign policy at home. Mr. Baker and company would be performing a vital service for Arabs, Israelis, Republicans, Mr. Clinton and America.

The New York Times.

Republican,

Gay, and

Pro-Clinton

By Paul Cellupica

WASHINGTON —I was a mean-ber of the Bush administration

and I am gay.
Until my resignation last month I served as a legal adviser to the federal

"drug czar," William Bennett, and his successor, Bob Martinez.

I was a political appointee, having gotten my job in part because of my

Bargaining For a Better America

By Robert Kuttner

WASHINGTON — In 1990. while Mikhail Gorbachev's Soviet Union still existed, several Western economists proposed a "Grand Bargain." The Soviet Union would become democratic and capitalist, in return the West would finance its

m return the West would imance its reconstruction.

That Grand Bargain, of course, never came to pass, instead, the Soviet Union has disintegrated politically and economically. There is still barely time for a variation on that grand bargain — Western reconstruction aid in exchange for the prayer that the entire former Soviet empire not

the entire former Soviet empire not go the way of Sarajevo.

The Grand Bargain is a good meta-phor for what needs to be done in America as well. As in the former Soviet Union reform in the United Soviet Union, reform in the United States has been deferred, critical ills have accumulated, and Presidentelect Bill Clinton needs to move with

deliberate speed.

Grand Bargain 1: Recovery. Here,
Mr. Cinton needs to enlist all the
major players — congressional leadcrs, the Federal Reserve, business
and labor — in a grand bargain to
restore economic growth. The idea is
a joint commitment to economic
stimulus now, deficit-reduction when
growth is back on track, and a low-

growth is back on track, and a lowinflation pact that allows the Federal
Reserve to keep interest rates down.
Grand Bargain II: Health Reform.
Health costs are inflating at triple the
general rate of inflation, even as 37 million Americans are without coverbudget would save money, since it is the

only way to cap costs comprehensively. But since the present system is financed partly out of pocket, partly by insurance, partly by employers, and partly by government, it is difficult to magine how to finance comprehensive reform. The answer is a grand bargain for a value-added tax, car-marked half for deficit-reduction and half for universal health care.

Business should support this grand bargain, since it will save some \$200 billion in annual costs paid by em-

OKYO — The resignation from

1 the Diet of Shin Kanemaru, Ja-

pan's most powerful politician, and subsequent feeding in the dominant faction of the Liberal Democratic

Party are signs that Japanese politics finally has become interesting. The legitimacy of its rule is questioned as

never before, not because of rampant

venshity but because of the biggest economic crisis since the war.

from prosecutors linking him with the late Susumi Ishii, head of Japan's

second-largest organized crime syn-dicate. But party power has never rested on a claim to moral authority.

Rather, it is based on delivering near-

ly continuous economic growth — a record that looks distinctly tarnished. Japan faces a financial crisis as

severe as the U.S. savings and loan debacle. There is nearly \$500 billion

of problem debt in the banking sys-tem. The money supply is shrinking and bank lending is barely growing. Land prices have plunged, and the

Mr. Kanemaru's downfall resulted



back it, since it will end the worry of evaporating coverage, and reduce out-of-pocket costs. Health providers should go along, because it will final-ly end the endless paper chase and wrangling with insurers over permis-tible treatments.

fare by Making Work Pay. Most tex-payers are sick of welfare. So are most elfare recipients. Left and right agree that the prescut system creates a trap in which welfare rules break up families, and people who want to take jobs are often deterred by the prospect of becoming even poorer by losing in-come support. Medicaid, child benefits and bousing.

The grand bargain here would limit the entitlement to welfare aid, in exchange for the assurance that a paid job would produce an income

stock market remains more than 50 percent off its all-time high. Companies face their third straight

year of declining profits for the first time since 1945, with the car and

electronics export industries bearing the most pain. It may be only months

before major companies start a large-scale dismissal of employees. Sensing this, consumers have turned cautious.

to this increasingly somber economic outlook. It has also made these prob-

lems worse, since his departure has created a vacuum that will make it

harder for the party to push through a package to stimulate the economy. His involvement with gangsters-

turned speculators not only symbolizes the excesses of Japan's credit boom, it marks the beginning of the

end of the Liberal Democratic Party

ty together in 1955 to coment the

The State Department put the par-

in its present form.

Mr. Kanemaru's downfall is linked

sufficient to alleviate poverty. That takes a higher minimum wage, plus a larger earned-income tax credit for low-income working parents.

Grand Bargain IV: Sustainable

Growth. The Bush and Reagan ad-

ministrations believed that we had to choose between a strong economy is so much ozone. Vice President-elect Al Gore personifies the leader who is committed

to growth that is environmentally sustainable. Other countries have demonstrated that the search for cleaner technologies and renewable forms of energy can produce better living standards at lower environmental cost. This grand bargain should be a priority of the new administration.

And one last grand bargain — this one involves the news media. We

anti-Communist alliance in north-eastern Asia. It has served its purpose

and will break up into at least two

parties as the economic crisis brings

The catalyst for this disintegration will be the increasingly urgent need for companies to lay off employees, many of them white-collar, if they are to remain competitive with American rivals. Such dismissals will mark the

end of the post-1945 tradition of life-

time employment. The end of job security, combined with the inevita-ble (though still resisted) need to use

taxpayer money to bail out insolvent

banks, will generate discontent.

That Mr. Kanemaru had to quit is

a sign that public opinion has begun to awaken. The reaction will become

more virulent as unemployment rises.

The party will divide over the issue that separated the two major parties before the militarists rise in the

1930s: convergence with the West,

ideological tensions to the surface.

Japan: A Kingpin's Fall Points to an All New Politics

By Christopher Wood

dent-elect Clinton does not walk on water, but my plea is that: Let us suspend disbelief, if only for a few months, and entertain the possibility that Bill Clinton just might be a genu-me idealist and a talented leader, not a composite invented by his bandless. that Hillary Clinton just might be a strong woman of intellect and convic-

tion, not a media construct. By all means, we need to hold the new administration accountable. But let us not cover everything as merely image and tactic. In return, the Clin-

tons just might rise to our hopes. God knows, after three decades of deepening cynicism, the country could use a little idealism, and some eaders worthy of respect. Now that would be a grand bargain. Washington Post Writers Group.

Proponents of a Western model will

argue that companies need to cut labor and raise profits to compete in the world economy. Foes will argue

that the social costs of following

Western capitalist logic are un-Japa-nese and thus unacceptable. The con-vergers will probably win after a few years economic trauma.

The administration reaffirmed the cruel and wasteful exclusion of gays from the military. Vice President Dan Quayle insisted, repeatedly and against all scientific evidence, that homosexnality is a "lifestyle choice"
— and a wrong one at that.

The president stated that some sex couples make poor parents. His campaign staff demoted an openly gay member because religious fundamentalist groups objected to his presence.

And the Republican Party spent rouch of its convention denomining

lesbian and gay rights generally.

In its failed family-values offensive, the campaign took a kernel of a good idea — that the abdication of parental responsibility in the inner city has a moral and not just an

between the two parties.

I felt upset but remained silent, He

economic dimension - and turned it. into a slogan for intolerance. . Whatever else the family-rates rhetoric did, it mobilized gay people and their allies to an unprecedented frenzy of political activity on behalf

of Bill Clinton.

Mr. Clinton has promised to repeat the ban on gays in the military; to issue an executive order ending discrimination based on sexual orientation in federal employment and contracting, to support a gay and action civil-rights bill; and to increase federal financing for AIDS research, fresh-ment and education.

Mr. Clinton's sizable victory indi-cates that this election marks the arrival of the gay movement as a political force to be reckened with. By many accounts, gays constitute 10 percent of the population; they have millions of relatives, friends and colleagues who know they are gay and are comfortable with that knowledge.

For my own part, I have learned that being silent about my sexual orientation merely invites the sort of persecution that the Bush hierarchy tried in the campaign.

The writer, for two and a half years a lawyer for the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, is now in private practice. He contributed this sent to The New York Times.

Their Asian Partners Have Questions

S INGAPORE — Japan has estab-lished a powerful economic hold in Asia through investment, sid and trade. Tokyo knows its long-term commercial and strategic interests he in the region. Emperor Akihito's re-cent visit to China and the arrival of Japanese peacekeepers in Cambodia are the latest signs of Japan's effort to move relations with Asia from a divisive past toward a common future.

Yet Japan seems unable to regard other Asians as equals or to fully quiet Asian fears about its intentions. Memcaies of Japanese brutelity before and during World War II have not faded. Japan's stubborn resistance to recognize and apologize for past cruelties continues to nourish Asian suspicions. To allay these concerns, Japan

must answer a number of questions. Do the Japanese consider themselves to be Asians? Does Japan identify with the rest of East Asia or does Tokyo's membership in the Group of Seven industrialized nations make Japan something different, a hybrid or a bridge between Occident and Orient? Is Japan, as many Japanese believe, a unique creation, a nation in isolation? If so, it may be

By Friedemann Bartu

doomed to be an orphan in Asia. Since the Meiji Restoration in 1868, Japan has been trying to de-fine its role in the world. The nation has constantly been tom between extremes of introverted isolation and outward-looking expansionism; between respect for its Asian heritage and fascination with Western technology and culture. Japanese society has been marked by a struggle between forces advocating a re-treat from Asia and forces calling for reintegration into Asia. This division in the national pscyle is preventing close ties between Japan and the rest of Asia by making the Japanese hold

their neighbors at arm's length. Despite persistent Asian complaints, Japan has a persistent trade surplus with most other nations in the region. Technology transfer from Japan to its Asian neighbors has moved at a snall's pace. It is still rare for non-Japanese managers to reach the highest echelons of Japanese firms operating in Asia. Even Japan's extensive financial aid to Asia has long

been tainted by its linkage to the use of Japanese goods and services.

As East Asia's newly industrializing countries, especially South Korea, Taiwan and Singapore, climb the economic and technological ladder, competition with Japan is growing sharper, causing new antagonism.

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And most Japanese communities in Asia live separate and exclusive lives from the people of their host nations, reinforcing the image of the Japanese as renophobic and inscrutable.

Many Asians admire Japanese successes and would like to emulate them. But although the Japanese have a pervasive economic pres there is a widespread lack of under-standing in Asia of Japan's culture, traditions and language. Tokyo's search for a path that will bring Japan and Asia together will remain clusive as long as Japan refuses to accept Asians as equal partners.

The writer, a former Southeast Asia correspondent for the Swiss daily Neue Zürcher Zeitung, is the author of "The Ughy Japanese: Nippon's Economic Empire in Asia." He contributed this nent to the Herald Tribune.

A new conservative party willemerge representing the interests of the urban salaried middle class, not farmers or big business, as the Liberal Democrats have. Consumers will finally enjoy the lower tax rates, cheaper housing and longer leasure hours U.S. trade negotiators have long argued for, at the cost of the job-

The catalyst for change will not be diplomatic pressure but the deflationary consequences of the unwinding of the century's most exaggerated. credit orgy. Japan, contrary to those who argue its exceptionality, is vulnerable to the logic of the market,

The writer, I apan finance editor of The Economist, is author of "The Bub-ble Economy." He contributed this ment to The New York Times.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1892: Famine in Ireland

LONDON - The Dublin Express says a gentleman named Harkin, who has just made a tour in North-West Doncgal, has written to the Chief Secretary, stating that a famine is impend-ing there and that terrible sufferings can only be averted by the promot institution of public works. The potato

1917: Aid to Bolsheviks

crop is simost a total failure.

NEW YORK - It is intimated in Washington that the Bolshevik "coup" in Petrograd does not change the attitude of the American Government toward the measures that have been undertaken for the relief of economic conditions in Russia, particulady the contracts placed with money borrowed from the United States for shoes and clothing for the civilian spoes and cooling for the civinan population. Orders calling for American milway supplies for Russia are expected to be signed next week. It is suggested financial advances to a

Bolshevik Administration will not be made while there is any uncertainty as to whether such money might be used to promote the peace agitation.

1942: The Last Outpost

LONDON - From our New York cition: The voice of its former con-mander was added tonight [Nov. 12] to the radio chorus urging the French fleet to leave Toulon, where it now lies strangely orphaned — the last bit of unoccupsed France. From Algeria, where he is emissioned by the Ameriwhere he is entertained by the Ameri-cans, Admiral Jean Darlan broadcast a "request" that the commanders at Toulon bring their ships to North Africa. The former collaborationist and ouetime commander of Vichy's armed forces did not order the ships to sail but merely suggested that they join the Allies or at least fice the German menace. This followed similar appeals by British and American military and naval leaders which have been beamed toward the whent French Mediterranean port for days.

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gotten my job in part because of my political credentials.

I worked as a volunteer on George Bush's 1988 presidential campaign. And I was active in Republican and conservative causes in high school, college and law school.

But like every other gay man and leshian I know, and millions of gay men and leshians, as well as millions of my fellow Republicans, I voted for Bill Chinton.

I still respect Mr. Bush and admire many of his achievements. The men and women in his administration are by and large decent, honorable people. Market Street Control and women in his administration are by and large decent, honorable people. But the litany of White House attacks on leshians and gay men was simply too long and too paniful.

In early March I listened to Charles Black of the Bush campaign tell a group of junior political appointees that the campaign planned to make gay rights a major dividing line between the two parties.

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Peq. Still Struggling to Conceal A Global Political Scandal

By William Safire

N EW YORK — On Election Day 1992, 40 months after the FBI raid on the Atlanta BNL bank funding America's illegal arms buildup of Saddam Hussein, Deputy Attorney General George Terwilliger sent a memo to all Justice Department section chiefs. It re-

veals the current strategy of the Iraqgate cover-up: finger the CIA.

"Anyone who currently possesses information in the possession of the intelligence community regarding the BNL matter," he wrote his fellow political appointees, "and the Department's awareness and/or receipt of that infor-mation, is directed to supply any such documents to Charles Platt of Indge Lacey's staff."

He then added the kicker that career prosecutors in the Criminal Division tell

The Iraqgate crew wants its sins forgotten as part of an Iran-contra pardoning orgy. Bush, if he wants to depart in style, should eschew that dishonor.

me is evidence that the new in-house counsel has been drawn into the world-wide obstruction of justice: ... with a copy to Dennis Saylor, special counsel to the assistant attorney general, Criminal Division, immediately

When an Iraquate grand jury is finally impaneled, one of its targets is likely to be Robert Mueller, that same Criminal Division's chief. Here we have the political flunky to that likely target getting copies of, and trying to act as conduit for, all evidence that might be used in

questioning his bosses under oath.

The day following this improper intercession ("for coordination purposes"),
Judge Frederick Lacey sent Justice attorneys a memo quoting my observation in this space that "veteran straight arrows will not wish retaliation by volunteering evidence to their political bose's parsy prosecutor - but will testify about their superior's wrongful interferences when a grand jury is convened by a court-appointed independent counsel.

The paisy prosecutor then solemnly promised: You have my word that I will accord to any communication you have with me the same confidentiality it would be given were it to be in the form of grand jury testimony." If that's so, why send a copy to the suspects?

Coverup-General William Barr and Robert Mueller were instrumental in appointing the lawyer for the American subsidiary of the British company Matrix Churchill to be U.S. attorney in Atlanta a few months after the raid

on the Atlanta bank.

Matrix Churchill's key officers in Britsin, standing trial for rouning a front for arms sales to Iraq, were suddenly set free this week. We now have proof that they were in effect agents of the British govcannent, directing the flow of weaponry to Saddam Hassein — apparently in cooperation with the Italian government, which owns the Atlanta BNL — a branch of Banca Nazionale del Lavoro — and with the Bush administration, which sought to build up Iraq covertly.

Iraqgate is the first global political scandal. The leaders of three major nations are included in the control of the contro

tions are implicated in a criminal conspiracy: first, to misuse taxpayer funds and public agencies in the clandestine buildup of a terrorist dictator, then to abuse the intelligence and banking ser-vices of these nations to conceal the dirty deed; finally, to try to thwart the inexorable course of justice.

Iragase is also the largest ripoff of the U.S. Treasury in American history. The Italian ambassador prevailed on the U.S. attorney general to block investigation of banking officials in Rome, Jus-tice then forbade its own investigators to go abroad. That political protection of corrupt benking guarantees ultimately cost the U.S. taxpayers \$1.9 billion.

Were the intelligence services of the United States, Britam and Italy all aware

United States, Britain and Italy all aware of — and participants in — the West's secret, unlawful arming of Saddam? Of course; but the stonewalling strategy of the departing Justice politicians is to have the CIA take the gaspine for all the wrongdoers. That's why George Terwilliger is seeking "lost" CIA memos for house counsel (copies to the suspects). At the same time, all the coverupgeneral's men are trying to piggyback on a Weinberger pardon plea. The Iracgate crew, ching President George Bush's National Security Directive 26 as its license to break the law, wants its sins forgotten

to break the law, wants its sins forgotten as part of an Iran-contra perdoning orgy. Mr. Bush, if he wants to depart in style, should eschew that dishonor.

Instead he should call on his attorney general to respond to Senate Judiciary's call by Wednesday, as the law requires, by seeking court-appointed independent counsel who could work with Britain's independent judge and with indepen-dent Italian magistrates. That's how to uncover the first global political scandal. The New York Times.

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'Hang tough -- only a little while more to go.'

Planting, Watering and Waiting

This is adapted from a recent speech by Mr. Havel, former president of Czechoslovakia, to the Institute of France.

PARIS — I come to you from a country that had to wait many long years for its freedom. So I hope you'll allow me to offer a few thoughts on the phenomenon of waiting.

"Waiting for Godot" - for deliverance or salvation - lies at one extremity of the broad palette that covers the different forms of waiting. The sort of waiting many of us endured under Communist rule was often close to this extreme. Encircled, squeezed, colonized from within by the totalitarian system, individuals lost all hope of finding a way out, lost the will to act and even the sense of being able to act. In short, they lost hope. And yet they did not lose the need to

hope. That is why they waited for Godor. Unable to carry hope in their bosom, they waited for some sort of vague salvation from the outside. But Godot never comes, simply because he doesn't exist. He is a substitute for hope — a piece of rag used to patch a torn soul, but itself full of holes. At the other end of the palette is

another sort of waiting, motivated by the hope that to resist by speaking the truth is a matter of principle. Such waiting is strengthened by the conviction that to repeat the truth has meaning in itself. It is also inspired by the

By Vaclav Havel

conviction that the seed, once sown, will take root and germinate one day, even if no one knows when.

Though I was experienced at the sort of patient waiting practiced by dissidents, during the peaceful antitotalitarian revolution over the past three years, I found myself sinking into an impatience that bordered on hopelessness. I was tormented by the

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idea that transformation was coming too slowly, that my country still had no democratic constitution, that Czechs and Slovaks were still unable to agree on their co-existence in a single state, that we were not moving rapidly enough toward the Western democratic world and its structures.

I wanted my work at the head of the country to finally achieve some visible, tangible, undernable result. It was hard for me to resign myself to the idea that politics, like history, is an endless process. Today, looking back, I'm beginning to understand that I was succumbing to that form of impatience, so destructive in modern technocratic civilization with all its rationality, that is wrongly persuaded that the world is nothing but a crossword puzzle in which there is only a single correct solution to the problem; a solution I fell I alone could find.

I thought time belonged to me. This was a great error. The world and history are ruled by a time of their own, in which we can creatively intervene but never achieve complete control.

The behavior of the postmodern political man must flow not from impersonal analysis but from personal vision. He must not stand on his pride but nurture himself on humility. The world revolts against the order imposed on it by the brain. The more il is forced, with rigor and impatience, into rational categories, the greater are the explosions of

irrationality with which it surprises us.

1 realized with fright that my impatience for the re-establishment of democracy had something almost communist in it; or, more generally, something rationalist. I had wanted to make history move ahead in the same way that a child pulls on a plant to make it grow more quickly.

I believe we must learn to wait as we learn to create. We have to patiently sow the seeds, assiduously water the earth where they are sown and give the plants the time that is their own. One cannot fool a plant any more than one can fool history. But one can water it. Patiently, every day. With understanding, with humility, but also with love.

International Herald Tribune.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Germans for Change

Regarding the report "Germans Re-gard Clinton Icily" (Nov. 5):

Certainly, we Germans remain deeply thankful to President George Bush, the U.S. Congress and the American people for their support during German reuni-fication. It would be inappropriate for us not to acknowledge Mr. Bush's role at this moment. But our graningle can definitely not be interpreted as an anti-

Cinton feeling.
German politicians do not think that President-elect Bill Clinton's advisers are "incompetent and anti-European." We have met with many impressive foreign policy advisers to Mr. Clinton. These meetings assured us that a Clinton administration would not be isolationist nor protectionist. President-elect Clinton represents a new generation of leadership. With

new leaders such as Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel, Germany is also undergoing a generational change, and we definitely need the spirit and inspiration of a new and creative start.

WERNER HOYER. Member of the Bundestag. Bonn.

It may very well be that the "political establishment" began to shudder at the prospect of another incumbent conservative not being re-elected. But the Social Democratic opposition leader Björn Engholm was not slow to rejoice openly at what happened in the United States.

Germany, and indeed all of Europe, needs and wants a healthy, confident, prosperous partner across the Atlantic. We, too, respect - as President George Bush put it -- "the majesty of the demo-cratic system." In the latest Wickert survey (Nov. 5), 86 percent of Germans polled said they believed that the election

HELGA SCHWEIGERT.

Munich.

of Mr. Clinton was good for Germany. KLAUS NEUBERT.

Secession Then and Now The Canadians' rejection of the Union Treaty is saddening. Don't they realize that the best agreement is not the

one that satisfies everybody, but the one where no one is satisfied, thereby demonstrating that each party has made a sacrifice to the other? I would ask that Canadians, whatever

language they speak, consider Abraham Lincoln's first inaugural address, urging

compromise by North and South: Physically speaking, we cannot separate. We cannot remove our respective sections from each other, nor build an impassable wall between them ... Is it possible [to make contact] more advantageous or more satisfactory after separation than before? Can aliens make treaties easier than friends can make laws? ... We are not enemies, but friends. We must not be enemies, Though passion may have strained, it must not break our bonds of affection.

Subsidies and Superstars

ERIK SVANE

Regarding "Berlin's Staatsoper Opens a New Era With Eclar" (Stage! Entertain-ment, Nov. 4) by James Hebne Sutcliffe:

In North America, where government subsidies for the arts are minuscule, professional performing-arts organizations are declaring bankrupicy at an alarming rate. In Europe, where subsidies have been cut drastically, along with social

services, performing-arts organizations are becoming second-rate artistically.
Yet Daniel Barenboim accepts one

the Berlin Staatsoper, Numerous American soloists and conductors are cutting back their fees in an attempt to stem the tide of first-class performers who find nselves out of work without warning. Mr. Barenboim would do well to follow the example set by other so-called

million Dentsche marks (about

\$650,000) for a four-month period with

SHELDON MORGENSTERN.

Dare to Be Great Again Unique among the nations of the world, the United States was created by

men dedicated to political and ethical principles they believed to be of universal applicability. The concept of the Founding Fathers included a measure of "civic virtue" or republican morality, which meant a willingness to suspend a pursuit of immediate self-interest to act for the common good.

Today, this is more and more disre-

parded, as individuals and groups fight for their immediate interest and gain without regard for the goals or even the

survival of the society as a whole.

This is a part of the moral malaise, the sense of having gone wrong some-

where, that has afflicted the country. Americans have amassed a staggering federal debt that cannot possibly be paid off even in their children's lifetime. America has become a net debtor nation. The United States demands that other nations act morally, but Americans often do not practice what they preach.

Can America regain its lost prestige, its fundamental values? Yes, if Americans return to their traditional beliefs, regain the spirit of family and rebuild a sense of community

nd personal responsibility. Let their democracy be one of deeds. Americans, you have a moral as well as practical obligation to stand behind a

commitment to human rights, fair laws, justice and equality for all. Be great again. DAN CHELLUMBEN. Amboise, France.

A Time for Planning

There has been a lot of talk lately about the end of the American Dream. Perhaps this is a good thing. Adolescents dream; adults make plans. The end of the American Dream may mean that the United States has finally come of age. FREDERIC SEAGER

Outremont, Quebec.

GENERAL NEWS



MOURNING 5 VICTIMS OF TOWNSHIP VIOLENCE — Relatives grieving on Thursday at the graveside during a funeral for five members of a family who were killed last weekend by unidentified gunnen in the black South African township of Sebokeng.

Enemies Become Allies in a Natal Town

New York Times Service MPUMALANGA, South Africa - For two years, extraordinary things have been happen-ing in this battle-scarred black town in Natal, South Africa's most combustible province.

Workers have been commuting to the textile mills without fear of being pulled from their minibus taxis and beaten to death for their political leanings. Children have completed two school years without their studies being disrupted by gun battles.

People who fied during four years of factional fighting between the African National Congress and the Inkatha Freedom Party have returned to reclaim their firebombed homes. To their own proud disbelief, the citizens of Mpumalanga — the name means "sunrise" in the Zuhr language — have recaptured the town

the rest of Natal and menaces South Africa's transition to majority rule. "It took a terrible beating for us to understand that peace does not come from up top," said Wilbrod Molefe, 45, who returned last year after serving abroad in the ANC's guerrilla

from the thrall of violence that still terrorizes

Mr. Molese now lives with his mother - a congress member for 71 of her 83 years -in the midst of an Inkatha-controlled ward. Recently, when a visitor dropped by mannounced, he was entertaining a childhood friend, Dahrxolo Luthuli, who works as a national organizer for inkatha. Such fraternization, unthinkable in most of South Africa's polarized black townships and other communities, is considered almost normal in Mpumalanga

While the leaders of the two black groups, Nelson Mandela of the African National Conreason manuels of the running reasonal coarges and Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi of In-other," Mr. Hadebe said. "I said, 'let's forget katha, bickered over whether to be seen in each the past."

other's company, their local counterparts in Mpumalanga were organizing a second joint public rally.

This is what we'd like to see for all of South Africa," said Eugene Mlaba, a local Inkatha leader. It is a goal that has seemed increasingly

eputation of any town in Natal. It is where Inkatha was born and where its power struggle with the African National Congress has raged

most vehemently. By most accounts, the fighting here broke out in the schools and spread to the streets, where young vigilantes warred with firebombs, home-

made guns and, finally, assault rifles. Across a ravine from the Molefe house is a hillside once thick with squatter shacks, now uninhabited and overgrown. Anastasia Molefe saw the shelters burned and demolished, and

some of her neighbors killed, In 1989, the local leaders of Inkatha and the ANC signed a truce that held for a few months, but the town was soon drawn back into the maeistrom. An Inkatha man who chanced across a congress funeral was burned to death. in his car along with his three children. Two members of the congress's peace committee were killed by young locals for dealing with the

In September 1990, Meshack Hadebe, a tail grasshopper-thin insurance agent who looks about half his 47 years, was elected chairman of the local ANC branch, and decided to try again. The mistake most people make is to sit

down with a long list and start accusing each

elusive in recent weeks as a new series of kill-ings frightened Natal's people.

Not long ago, Mpumalanga, a settlement of about 120,000 Zulus scattered across a hilltop northwest of Durban, had the most fearsome er, he and Mr. Hadebe, both of whom grew up here, made the rounds of schools and neighborhoods, pleading for peace.

> make out that people were just sick and tired." from employers at the textile mills down the hill in Hammarsdale, the biggest job center for a

> > "We told them: either they stopped the fighting or industry was going to move out and Hammarsdale would become a ghost town," said Stephen Simpson, a mill executive who

promise of money to build a new community center, jointly managed by the rival political factions, and to repair homes ravaged in the

ened by peaceful change - rogue policemen, political warlords, rival hit men, or militants in their own organizations - may decide to make this town a target. Among the worriers is Mr. Simpson, the mill

God, don't let it be Mipumalanga."



"We were sort of wary," said Inkatha's Mr. Mlabe, who had taken a bullet in the left leg coming home from earlier peace discussions. Mr. Mlabe's older brother, Sipho, a liquorstore owner driven out of business by the vio-lence, was the main Inkatha negotiator. Togeth-

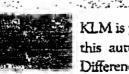
The town was ready.
"Before, when you talked about killing, people asked 'Who?' and if it was an enemy, they cheered," Engene Mlaba said. "But now, they started to condemn every death. You could

These leaders got important reinforcement town where unemployment is said to run more than 60 percent.

represented the industrialists. The mill owners shored up the peace with a

What most womies the political leaders of Mpumalanga is that outsiders who feel threatyour double points this autumn.

Every time I hear them start to read a report of unrest on the radio," he said, "I say 'Please



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The Reliable Airline

By Flora Lewis

STERHAZA, Hungary — For a brief weekend in October, the chords and trills of Haydn and Mozart danced off the Baroque walls of this dazzling palace in the western Hungarian countryside, as they did in the hate 18th century when the Esterhazy family was at its peak as a patron of music.

A privileged few, and in some cases the powerful, including the president of Hungary, the prime minister of Poland, the once president of Czechoslovakia and probable future president of the Czech Republic, joined sponsors and guests for the performances by masters here and at Dobris castle near Prague. But it was only the start of a grandiose plan to offer these glories to students and the public "for generations," in the words of Alain Coblence, its Franco-

Afnerican originator.

The heart of the idea is no less than to revive the inscious sheen of Central European culture and its prime role in European civilization, tarnished and stunted by wars and totalitarianism.

Coblence is a 44-year-old international lawyer and a passionate devotee of classical music. It seemed obvious to him that music was the way to restore the voice of a part of the world as run-down psychologically and emotionally as Esterhaza is physically. He found musicians of the current generation trained in the east have reached a superb level of technique but without context, with-out the humanizing warmth of a cultural background which music can express in uni-

So he launched an extraordinarily ambitious project called — over-modestly, as it turns out - the Prague Mozart Foundation. It was to have been based in Prague with a home at the Stavovsky Theater, formerly the Tyl, the delicious green and gold opera house where Mozart first presented "Don Giovanni." Bureaucratic and turf problems presented an adversity which he turned into a stroke of fortune linking Prague, Krakow

The foundation will offer full one-year scholarships to young musicians who will study literature, art history, architecture, philosophy, as well as take master classes in their specialty. The focus of their courses will be preparation of music festivals, including production of an opera in Prague at Christ-mas, Budapest at Easter, Krakow in August, with world renowned stars as well as student

Starting next year, the first class of 45 will gather at Dobris, the following year in a castle near Krakow, and then at Esterhaza which time the planned full component will be 78. One-third of them are to come from Central and Eastern Europe, one-third from Western Europe, one-third from the Americas and Asia. They will be chosen exclusively on the basis of auditions and interviews, by a jury of musicians and musi-

Politics are to play no role, and yet there is a fundamental political aspect to Coblence's thought — bringing people together to share the experience of human creativity of the highest quality. Yehodi Menuhin, a member of the foundation's advisory board, says of it, "A battle must be fought against prejudice and fundamentalism by the musicians and by the people: by those who are listening to the world that surrounds them and find in it inspiration for compassion for all human beings, including their enemies."

Coblence pointed out that "at a time when intolerance is killing thousands a few hun-dred kilometers from here, it is important to show another way. Culture becomes too much a synonym for exclusion. It is necessary to prove the common roots of our culture, the common values for our heritage."

He is a trim, energetic man, who has already managed to persuade not only three central European governments but the European Commission, the Council of Europe, Unesco, public and private firms to support what has become his life's passion. His wife,

and Budapest, and Esterhaza in three years the photographer Florence Allera, adds when the vast job of restoration is complettion it takes to recruit more sponsors and

Which brings us back to the weekend at Esterhaza, Dobris and Prague, a rich hors d'oeuvre to whet appetites for the sumptinous servings to come. Esterhaza, near the town of Fertod, was used as a military hospital by the Russians, which accounted for the destruction or removal of a good deal of its valuable furniture and pictures, and was then turned in part into a museum and in

part into a pickle factory.

It has been called "the Versailles of Central Europe," a misnomer as pointed out by H. C. Robbins Landon, the world's leading expert on Haydn who lived and composed here for 30 years, and a great authority on 18th century music. "Versailles," he said, was created as a seat of great power, this was a fine gentleman's country home." Indeed, it is a summer palace made for pleasure, for delighting the senses with the re-finements the 18th century devised to

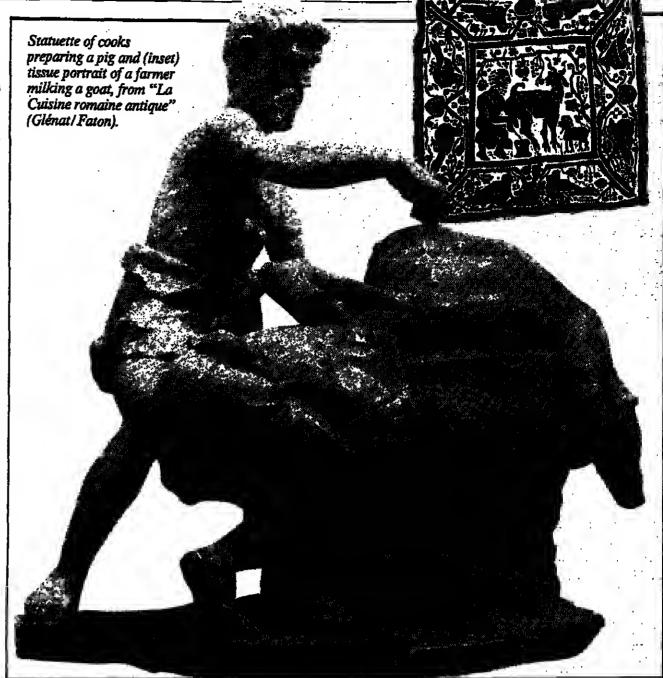
enhance the art of living.

The ornate central hall, with an upper level of windows shaped rather like a violin level of windows shaped rather like a violin at each end, has a very high ceiling but it is not huge, large enough for a few hundred. Haydn wrote differently for it than for grand public houses, elegant, beguiling music, no blaring trumpets or thumping drums.

Sandor Vegh, the 80-year-old Hungarian maestro who will be the musical director of the academy, conducted the Camerata Academica of Salzbarra in works by Harden

demica of Salzburg in works by Haydn, Schubert and Mozart, proving the delicacy of the accoustics. It was easy to imagine the room full of powdered and beribboned sristocrats enjoying the fruits of their privilege, handed down through the music and art they

And it isn't hard to imagine a whole new flowering of that treacly-tart, sophisticated culture which was a specialty of Central Europe if Alain Coblence can make the dream, which is his part of it, come true. He is already well on the way.



Southern Winds Four-part anthology, Japan.

The Indonesian capital was quite capable of it. Tokyo's safer

but no better. Shoji Kokami's

segment is about a retired office

worker who gets a chance to do

it all over again, and again chooses the rat race. Only now

he is 66, though he only looks 22,

and people just don't go in for work like they did in his day. He

still does his finest for the com-

A most unusual entertainment, this omnibus contains the work of four young independent Asian directors. Organized by the Japan Foundation Asean Culture Center, and coordinated by Japan's NHK Enterprises, its segments were made just as the directors wanted and the sponsors exercised no control over any parts, including the Japa-nese. The filmmakers, however, shared a similar concern - dissatisfaction with the way things are going in Asia. Cherd Somsn's episode shows the president of a large Bangkok construction company suddenly nostalgic for the village he came from. Such of slick business and gridlock traflaudibly surprising. fic jams, he - like a latter-day Frank Capra hero — comes to appreciate the real things of ru-ral life and learns to give that big Passenger 57 Thai smile again. Slamet Djar-not shows Jakarta as a perfect inferno. Into it drops a young mountain girl. Though she es-capes and makes her way home, she has been ripped off and robbed. Lucky she wasn't raped.

company sports day 100-yard dash. The best of these interesting four is the Philippine seg-ment, directed by Mike de Leon. The government has just created at the behest of the first lady a Ministry of Entertainment and is busy building diversion to keep the masses pacified. Soon it becomes the biggest employ-ment agency in the land. People line up for auditions. There are so many hopefuls they look like refugees. Among them, two farmland lovers are united and win the big prize — they become model big-city ragnickers, the ministry having discovered that nothing is more entertaining than other people's misery and that is just what Manila has a lot of. For an official sponsored film, the anthology is truly and

Directed by Kevin Hooks.

"Passenger 57" is an airplane hijacking movie that attempts to present its star, Wesley nipes, as a combination of Bruce Lee and Bruce Willis. It's a kung-fu "Die Hard" picture. and, frankly, just plain silly. The movie turns around Snipes, who plays an airline security adviser and karate expert who just happens to be on board when a terrorist gang takes over the plane to free its sinister leader (Bruce Payne), who is being escorted to jail by the FBI. What a coincidence! Snipes has never really turned



Wesley Snipes in the action movie "Passenger 57."

in a bad performance before, and he's not bad here. It's just named Julia (Maria Rojo), who that he's the wrong actor for this part. Next time, if director Kevin Hooks wants to turn someone into an action hero, he might try an actor who's more comfortable working in one dimension. This one keeps look-ing for something plausible and real to play, and can't find it. (Hal Hinson, WP)

Danzon Directed by Maria Novaro. Mexico.

In Maria Novaro's lovely new film "Danzon," dance isn't merely a metaphor for romance; it is the formalization of love's language and rituals, the choreography of dreams. The central dreamer is a 40ish Mexi-

lives for the nights when she can dence a stylized ballroom box step called the danzon. For six years she has danced with one partner, Carmelo (Daviel Rergis), a tall, silent man with gentle eyes, and together they have won a number of competitions. But she and Carmelo have spoken barely a word to each other off the dance floor. They're si-lent partners, each living lives that the other knows nothing about. Then one Wednesday night, Carmelo fails to show up; he has vanished, and suddenly, Julia realizes just how important he has become in her life. Determined to find her friend, she sets off for Vera Cruz. where he is supposedly a cook. Novaro's direction is as romantic and restrained as the danzon itself. Julia's journey of self-discovery — she makes new friends and has a brief affair with a very young, very hand-some sailor — is filtered through Novaro's distinctly feminine seasibility. The emphasis is on the emotional core of every scene, and the subtle give and take - the emotional

(Hal Hinson, WP)

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Brush Up on Latin Cuisine

By Barry James

ARIS - Thanks to those notorious gluttons Apicius and Trimalchio, we know all there is to know about Roman cuisine. Or do we? Aided by Cecil B. De Mille and Federico Fellini, they have left the notion that the Romans spent most of the time lolling in the triclinium nibbling on nightingales' tongues or plump dormice rolled in honey and poppy seeds — apart, that is, from occasional visits to the vomitorium so they could throw it all up and start again.

But two researchers at the University of Paris have just published a cookbook that attempts to give an idea of what people ate on ordinary occasions, and not just at the lavish banquets that have lived on through literature and satire.

Nicole Blanc, a Latinist, and Anne Nercessian, an archaeologist, have tried the recipes out for themselves, converted them into modern measures and claim that most can be successfully achieved in the average

Of course, just as ancient music can never be totally authentic because modern people lack ancient ears, so neither can an ancient form of cooking he accurately created, if only because we lack the Roman's palate. Fruits, vegetables and herbs have evolved. And some things are simply not clear from the ancient texts.

Garum, for example. This was a sauce made from fish entrails fermented in the sun. which the Romans used liberally as an allpurpose seasoning. A sauce made by the same process, Nuoc-mam, is widely used in the cooking of Southeast Asia, but is sickly

HE taste depends on the fish, how-ever, and the Mediterranean in those days was rich in anchovies. which it no longer is. In his dictionary of food, the late Waverley Root speculated that garum was similar to what is known in England as anchovy essence. While the Romans used garum for season-ing, salt was enormously important as a preservative, as evidenced by the name of the road heading from the mouth of the Tiber to the rest of Italy, the Via Salaria

The poorer classes, of course, made do with an extremely frugal diet —a few olives, fruit and bread and cheese for breakfast and hunch, a plate of chickpeas and a sausage for dinner. There was no pizza, tomatoes being an importation from the new world. But after Trajan, according to Jérôme Carco-pino a book on daily life in ancient Rome, the entire urban proletariat received an abundant supply of free wheat for bread,

pastries and pastas.

Lemprière's classical dictionary identifies three Romans called Apicins, all famous for their voracious appetites. The best known was Apicius Caelius, who lived at the time of Augustus, and hanged himself, according to Juvenal, after he had literally eaten his way through a huge fortune.

He left his name to a book on the pleasures and incitements of eating, De Arte Coquinaria, which forms the basis of modern knowledge about Roman cooking. Unfortunately, Apicius was vague about ingredients and proportions. Blanc and Nercessian have spent the past 10 years experimenting and turning his descriptions into practical recipes for adventurous cooks.

They agree that some of what the Romans found delicious, modern men would find disgusting. It was true, for example, about the dormice, rodents resembling small squir-rels. The Romans used to fatten them up in special clay pots. Roast dormouse was a treat for rich and poor alike.

The authors found that rue, a strongly

The Motion Picture Academy has picked the theme "Women in the Movies" for the next Oscars, on March 29.

There's a glass ceiling in Hollywood just dike everywhere else, so the Academy is having to point out that women have gotten quite a few awards over the years in nonperforming categories. After Best Actress and Best Supporting Actress, the most nominations have been for costume design. In the era of Mr. and Mrs. President Clinton, we know this is all going to change.

scented herb still used to flavor grappa, produced cold sweats and heart palpitations in large doses.

Blanc and Nercessian submitted Apicius to a computer and found out that his 10 most important ingredients in descending order of important mgreenents in descending order of importance were pepper, garum, olive oil, honey, lovage (an aromatic herb), vinegar, wine, cumin, rue and containder. Most of the ingredients used by the Romans are available, sometimes from pharmacies or stores selling oriental products and spices (the Romans are available). mans gathered their ingredients, of course, from all corners of a vast empire). In some cases where the original flavor is not quite clear, modern ingredients can successfully be introduced — celery instead of lovage, for

example. Nicole Blanc began her interest in Roman cooking when, as a freshly graduated Latin teacher, she sought a way of bringi language alive for high school students. Anne Nercessian helped gather ancient texts and the pictures with which the book is richly illustrated.

In general, Roman cuisine was aromatic and perfumed rather than spicy, soft rather than crusty in texture, and marked by unusual affinities such as vinegar with mint (an English favorite with roast lamb), leek with conander or savory herb with onion.

Wine was the favorite drink. It was heavy and sweet and always cut with water, or snow brought down from the Abruzzi. To drink wine on its own was considered bibu-

Take four eggs, a quarter liter of milk and three soup-spoonfuls of olive oil. Mix well. Cook in oil over a high flame. As the omelet begins to thicken, add a small amount of honey so that it runs underneath and caramelizes. Flavor with honey and pepper. Can be caten hot or cold.

Pathus of pears:
Ped a kilo of ripe pears. Cook them in a
covered container with a glass of sweetish
wine and three or four soup-spoonfuls of honey, a spoonful of garum and a large pinch of powdered cumin. Best six eggs, mix them with the pears, and more honey to taste, sprinkle with pepper and add a soup-spoonful of olive oil. Place in an oiled dish and cook in a medium oven for 40 minutes.

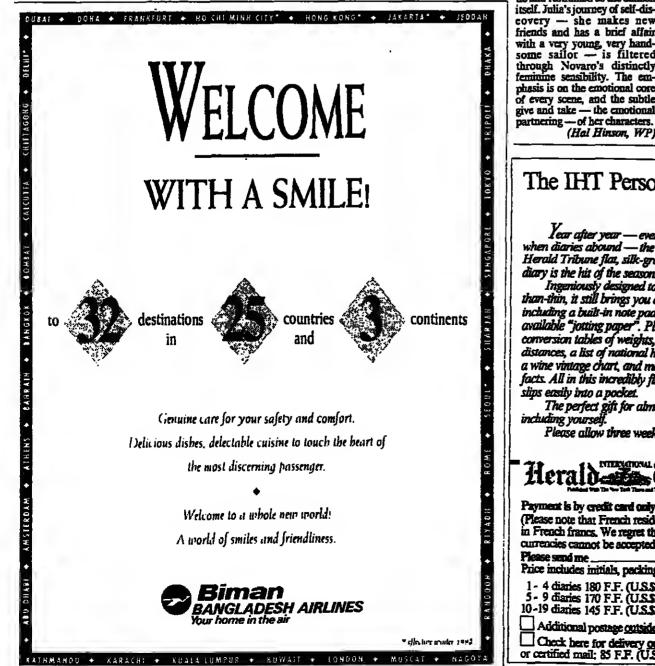
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The Star Ferry from Kowloon passes New Central Plaza. Right, afternoon tea at the Peninsula Hotel.

A Seasonal Guide to Hong Kong

By Barbara Basler ONG KONG - This rich, colorful little colony — governed by the British but still Chinese to the ist destination in Asia, and fall, which is clear and sunny, is its busiest season. But Hong Kong handles crowds so adeptly, and absorbs visitors so naturally, few will ever know they have come during the tourist peak. There are no long lines, even at its most compelling sights. That's because sightseeing here is less a matter of monuments and exhibits, and more a matter of wending your way through a lively, lantern-lighted night market, or watching fishing boats and passenger ferries glide through Hong Kong's beautiful harbor.

A spectacular port on the South China Sea which drew 6 million tourists last year, Hong Kong is a place of glittering skyscrapers and green hills, elegant hotels and massive public housing estates, intriguing back alley shops and expensive designer boutiques. Hong Kong's return to mainland China in

1997, after 150 years as a British colony, has prompted some entrepreneurs to expand here, while others are working frantically to turn a last profit. This has created a general building boom, with new office buildings and hotels, several other projects completed in Central, the business district, including the Western Market, a new shopping center in a restored red-brick colonial building at 323 Des Voeux Road, and Hong Kong Park, an impressive city garden with a series of fountains and leafy walkways.

The Hong Kong Arts Festival — the colomy's premier cultural event, featuring top performers from around the world — begins Jan. 30 and runs to Feb. 21. This season's bill includes the tenor Jose Carreras, the flutist James Galway, the Royal Shakespeare Contpany, the Paris Opera Ballet and the Tibetan Song and Dance Troupe, Tickets can be ob-tained from the Hong Kong Tourist Associa-tion, Jardine House, I Connaught Place, Central, Hong Kong, 801-7177. Prices range from \$154 for the best seats at the opera "Der Rosenkavalier," down to \$5 for balcony seats at a concert by the Hong Kong Chinese Orchestra (calculated at a rate of \$7 Hong Kong dollars to the U.S. dollar).

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A number of events prior to the testival are worth noting, for example, Hong Kong's first outdoor ice-sculpture show — the Ice Sculpture Funfair — which will run from Nov. 15 until Jan. 3 in the Kwai Chong Sports Ground in the New Territories. The fair will feature ice carving, at which the Chinese

easure see carving, at which the Chimese excel. Tickets are on sale at TV Week Service Centers, in many MTR subway stations, and et Hong Kong's Kai Tak International Airport. Admission is \$7.70, \$3.85 for children. Nov. 15-28, Hong Kong will hold the indoor five-on-a-side world soccer championship at the Hong Kong Coliseum and at the Kowloon Park Indoor Games Hall. For information on sickets contact the Tomist Asformation on tickets, contact the Tourist As-

Hong Kong Park is off Cotton Tree Drive, in the middle of the glass and mirrored towers of Central. Along with a scenic lotus pond, flowering shrubs and an outdoor cafe, it has an aviary where visitors can take an elevated walkway and look down on the rain forest where 600 Asian birds live. Admission is free. For details, call 521-5041.

To get an overall view of the beauty and dynamism of Hong Kong, take the Peak Transway, a funicular railway opened in 1888, from Garden Road to the top of Victoria Peak, an exclusive residential neighborhood. The tram runs every 15 to 20 minutes from 7 A.M. until midnight and the fare is

\$2.05 round trip.

If Hong Kong is the business center, Kowloon has the colony's premier tourist area,
Tsim Sha Tsui, a frenctic mix of hotels, bars, restaurants, nightclubs and countless shops. Amid all the glitz and neon, however, are bits of traditional Hong Kong, like the venerable Peninsula Hotel (Salisbury Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon; 366-6251). From 3 to 6:30 P.M., the Peninsula serves afternoon tea in its lobby, an elegant room of marble pillars and

S Hong Kong becomes more and more sophisticated, visitors have to look a little harder for the exotic. One of the best places to see the colorful, teeming life of Hong Kong is deep in the heart of the Chinese neighborhood of Yau Ma Tei, which lies to the north of Tsim Sha

In Yau Ma Tei's crowded, narrow side streets, traditional shops sell everything from live snakes for medicinal potions and soups, to mah-jongg tiles and household altars for favorite gods. Two of Hong Kong's most enticing markets are in this area: the Jade Market and Temple Street, with its fortune tellers and opera singers.

The easiest way to reach the area is to take the subway to Yau Ma Tel station.

Nearby on the waterfront is the Yau Ma Tei Typhoon Shelter, a mass of bobbing boats. Ferries, cargo carriers, dozens of battered fishing junks and houseboats use this shehered anchorage. The Temple Street ex-travaganza, crammed with vendors, doesn't get fully under way until after 6 P.M. so it's best to make that visit on a separate trip.

The tourist association center has some cacellent booklets available outlining different walks through the colony, including one for Yau Ma Tei. Each guide provides a small, clearly marked map along with detailed comments on streets and sights. The guides cost

with many of Hong Kong's English speakers emigrating to Canada and other Western countries to avoid the 1997 hand-over, the use of English here has dropped dramatically, so having an address or destination written in Chinese characters can save time and trouble.

Higher peak-season prices are in effect at most hotels from October through the first week of December, and standard rooms fill up quickly. Prices quoted are for a double room and do not include the 10 percent service charge and 5 percent tax. The Lee

Gardens Hotel, Hysan Avenue, Canseway Bay, Hong Kong, 895-3311; fax 576-9775, is an old favorite of some visitors who enjoy its

location in a bustling Chinese shopping area where residents, not tourists, crowd the

streets. Double rooms begin at about \$142.
The Hillview, 13-17 Observatory Road,
Kowloon, 722-7822; fax 723-3718, is a small,

new hotel in Tsim Sha Tsui, with 163 rooms

strategically situated near the colony's tourist

Luxury: The Regent Hotel, 18 Salisbury Road, Kowloon, 721-1211; fax 739-4546,

known for the spectacular white marble stair-case in the lobby and view of Hong Kong

harbor, is frequently ranked as one of the

finest hotels in the world. Rooms start at

The opulent new Island Shangri-La, Pacif-

ic Place, Supreme Court Road, 877-3838; fax

521-8742, has some rooms with grand harbor views, even though it sits inland, just blocks

from Central, in the very chie Pacific Place shopping complex. Double rooms start at

Budget: The Garden View International

House, 1 McDonnell Road, Midlevels, Hong

Kong, 877-3737; fax 845-6263, is a bright new hotel run by the Y.W.C.A. Some rooms

have wonderful views looking over Hong Kong's Botanical Gardens, a green spot in

Central. A room is \$68 and is subject to only

food lovers' paradise. Restaurants are gener-

ally less expensive than their counterparts in

New York or London. Reservations are rec-

For exquisite Cantonese food, there is the

chic Lai Ching Heen restaurant at the Regent

Hotel. Autumn specialties include quail

breast in soy sauce and deep fried pointret

with crab roe. Dinner for two with drinks is

Jade Garden, Swire House, 9 Connaught Road, Hong Kong, 523-9966, offers good but less expensive Cantonese food. Dinner for

Spring Deer, 42 Mody Road, Kowloon, 366-4012, is an unpretentious Peking restaurant famous for its duck. Dinner for two with

Tomists are often found shopping in Hong Kong, or, if they are men, visiting the tailor. That trip should be made as soon as possible because it takes several days and fittings for a proper suit. Prices for a man's tropical weight wool suit begin at about \$325. Tailoring in

Hong Kong is largely for men — most women complain that tailors here, even fine ones, just can't get women's clothing right, or get it right only after repeated visits.

Hong Kong is also known for jade, From Ferry Street take Kansu Street for several

blocks to a big overpass, where you will find the famous Jade Market. Here 450 licensed

dealers sell their wares every day from about 10 A.M. to 3 P.M.

With 30,000 restaurants, Hong Kong is a

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center. Double rooms are \$147.

Finding a Lane in Crowded Skies

By Roger Collis tional Herald Tribum

IG enough to matter, small enough to care. That's how John Roussel describes a niche airline. "It's a boutique rather than a supermar-ket, offering something different — not just in a trendy sense but real added value. We can do things for customers that big airlines cannot because we are small and closer to the marker"

Roussel is head of marketing/sales for Lauda Air, e Vienna-based airline with half a dozen international routes. So he would

The fact, though, is that small is beautiful for a savvy band of frequent travelers who

The frequent Traveler

prefer to fly small niche airlines, which offer something closer to tender loving care than most megacarriers (in the same way as people seek out small, independent luxury hotels, rather than those of large chains).

Niche airlines come and go. Sometimes they are forced out of business or gobbled up by major carriers; occasionally they become too big and their special character fades.

Enjoy them while they last.

Airline deregulation, pundits say, will bring lower fares through "market forces." Maybe. But it will also bring less choice for passengers as airlines buy each other up (or go bankrupt). Expect no more than half a dozen truly global airlines by 2000. Most of the rest will be regional carriers feeding their long-haul routes. But only a few will be niche

ICHE airlines need to stay fairly small in order to survive. But not all small airlines are what you could call niche carriers. Niche carriers need to be distinctive, innovative, not simply small versions of big brother. Usually they fly the same routes as the majors but sometimes from different airports. Virgin Atlantic is a niche airline; so is MGM Grand Air in the United States, Lauda Air and Emirates, based in Dubai. Dan-Air, snatched from the jaws of bankruptcy by British Airways, isn't a niche air-line because it never offered a distinctive

service; neither is British Midland, an inno-

vative high-quality carrier competing head-on with British Airways.

MGM Grand, which flies twice a day between New York (JFK) and Los Angeles with luxuriously configured DC-8s, has carved a niche among fashion, film and television executives. There are just 35 spacious leather seats of the fully reclining, swivel variety in the front cabin (first class), where you can dine at full-size tables or have a meeting in one of two private rooms. There is

a stand-up bar, a choice of half a dozen newly released movies, 32 phones and a fax. Grand Coach Class, with 40 seats in a twoby-two configuration, offers better comfort and amenities than most main carriers' domestic business class. There are separate

airport lounges for each class on both coasts. Check-in is like arriving at a luxury hotel. Fares are equivalent to other airlines' fullfare first class and coach. MGM Grand may be the most comfortable and stress-free way to travel from coast to coast. It is certainly

My vote for the best international airline goes to Virgin Atlantic, which flies between London (both Gatwick and Heathrow) and New York, Boston, Miami, Orlando, Los Angeles and Tokyo. Upper Class is first class at business class prices. And every time you fly Upper Class to the United States you get an economy ticket free. You get a fully reclining sleeper seat with 55 inches (140 centimeters) of leg room, seat-arm TVs of-fering six channels plus 10 audio channels, lounge and stand-up bar. And even a complementary head, neck and shoulder massage and manicure on some flights. Best of all perhaps is the treatment you get on the ground: airport lounge and a range of transfer options, from free limos in the London area and around Newark, JFK, Miami, Los Angeles and Boston and four days' car rental in the United States to free parking and free limo bus transfers in Tokyo.

INCE Virgin burst on the scene in 1984, its flamhoyant chairman, Richard Branson, has come out with a stream of innovations that have won the airline many accolades. A very sincere compliment for Virgin was in a leaked report from British Airways. According to Steve Harvey, managing director of Inflight Productions in London: "Some months after they started, BA sent a manager to check out a flight. His report said that in virtually every sense, Virgin Atlantic had more style, more charisma and was a more enjoyable flight than BA."

To be fair, British Airways has improved greatly since then. But readers of Executive Travel in the United Kingdom voted Virgin the Airline of the Year in 1992 for the third year running, along with awards for best business class, best long-haul airline, best ground and check-in staff, best in-flight entertainment and best food.

"We wanted to put the quality, fun and style back into flying," Branson says. "The

actual cost of running a quality airline is not much more than running a oo-frills product. We put in the best sound and video systems. And better food."

Virgin has recently launched Mid Class for passengers paying the full economy fare. Research has shown us that more than 20 percent of frequent business-class passen-gers are now flying economy for budgetary reasons," says Chris Moss, marketing director at Virgin in London. Mid Class is arguably as comfortable as business class on many airlines - with 38 seats in a two-fourtwo configuration. You get more space to stretch out than the economy cabin, quite decent food, and priority check-in.

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"Niche airlines are all about cocooning: allowing passengers to define their own envi-ronment," Roussel said. "In our new Amadeus Class we are launching in December. you can order breakfast from a menu before you go to sleep, like in a hotel. You can adjust our business sleeper seat all manner of weys, headrest, arms, lumbar support. . . . We have in-arm videos with six channels, plus the latest films, four to six months before they are available in Europe. We also offer Apple PowerBook computers on board, And I'm planning to have language courses."

Lauda has one short-haul route in Europe between London (Gatwick) and Vienna, on which it claims to have the lowest business-class fare. From its Vienna hub, Lauda serves Miami, Bangkok, Hong Kong, Mel-bourne and Sydney with a fleet of 767s. Fly Lauda long-haul and enjoy e free stopover in

Emirates is an airline to consider if you're traveling between London, Manchester, Frankfurt, Rome, Zurich or Paris and Delhi, Bombay, Dhaka, Hong Kong, Singapore, Bangkok or Manila via its hub in Dubai. Emirates is winning acclaim for in-flight entertainment and gourmet cuisine. Its fleet of Airbus A-310-300s are fitted throughout with personal seat-back videos on which you can watch Emirates Television. Emirates sends a chauffeur to pick up business-class passengers within a 50-mile (80-kilometer) radius of either Gatwick or Manchester and will collect them by luxury car from any-where within the United Arab Emirates and deliver them to Dubai airport.

Finding Your Niche

Do check out niche airlines. You may get better service and perks like limo transfers and free stopover packages at airline hubs.

Checking Out Airports Do look for niche airports as well as

niche airlines. Fly direct from London City to Bromma in Stockholm, or to Berlin Templehof. Major airlines may have better transfer facilities at major hubs.

Less Frequent Flights

Don't forget that niche airlines tend to have less frequent flights than major carriers. So make sure your ticket is valid if you want to switch.

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Don't assume that the best way to fly is with your national airline from its major hub. "Cross-border hubbing" may be cheaper and more convenient.

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AUSTRALIA

Powerhouse Museum (tel: 217.01.11). To Jan. 31: "Strictly Success: Strictly Baltroom." A survey of the costumes, characters and creativity behind the musical "Strictly Baltroom," and the world of baltroom dencing.

Museum Moderner Kunst Stiftung Ludwig (tal: 782.550). To Jan. 3: "Bertrand Lavier." A retrospective of the French artist'a work.

BELGIUM

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Musées Royaux d'Art et d'Histoire
(tel: 741.72.11). To Jan. 30: "Jade
Oing." More than 150 objects in jade
from the Chin Dynasty (1644-1911).
Musée d'Art. Ancien (tal:
508.3211). To Dec.31: "Un Chefd'Oeuvrs a le Loupe: Pygmalion, de
Paul Delvaux." A survey of original
resines subches and documents by designs, photos and documents by the Belgian painter, tracing their on-gin and iconography.

BRITAIN

British Museum (tel: 323.8525). To Jen. 24: "Europeans in Caricature: 1770-1830." Intended as a lighthearted contribution to the European Arts Festival, the exhibition focuses on the visual stereotypes that have influenced the way nations view each

other.
Design Museum (tel: 403.6933). To Feb. 28: "'Alles in the Same Battle': Scandinavian Design in Britain, 1939-70," This exhibition was organized in conjunction with the Bartican, as part of the Scandinavian Februal "Tender is the Night." It explores the design traditions of Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden, including artists such as Arne Jacobsen and Hans Wegner.

Necthern Ireland banks in France.

Musée du Louvre (tel:
40.20.50.50). To Feb. 1: "L'Art Byzantin dans les Collections Publiques
Françaises." More than 400 pieces of
Byzantine art including ivory objects,
imperial money, mosaics, icons, and
gerns dating from the 4th to the 15th
century.

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Beltast Festival at Queen's (tel: Museum für Angewandte Kunst (tel: 221.2334). To Jan. 10: "An der 246.609). Nov. 9-29: A European (tel: 221.2334). To Jan. 10: "An der Recht-schule Glanzstüke." More arts festival featuring more than 100



"L'Art Byzantin," Paris.

Musée d'Orsay (tel: 42.84.18.34). To Jan. 10: "Les Palais d'Argent: L'Architecture Bancaire en France,

1850-1930." Focuses on the eco-

nomic, social and cultural role of banks in France.

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The israel Museum (tel: 708.811). To Feb. 3: "British Figurative Paintings of the 20th Century." Featuring 75 paintings by 24 artists from the "School of London." Included in the exhibition are works by Michael Adams, Frank Auerbach, Francis Bacon and Lucian Freud.

than 400 fashion accessories from international artists and designers such as Lalique and Kenneth Jay

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Turn Castello di Rivoli (tel: 958.7256). To Nov. 22: "Post Human." Images by 36 young American, Jepanese and European arists (ocusing on their interpretation of art today in the technological era and its significance in creating a "Post-Human" individual.

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Národní Muzeum (tel: 269.451). To
Jan. S. "Four Generations of Polish
Designers." Features set designs
and costumes by antists such as T.
Rozskowska, J. Kosinski, M. Kolod-JAPAN

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Dalmaru Museum (tel: 211.8111).
To Nov. 30: "Nihon-ga by Takeuehl
Seiho and his Disciples." More than
50 pieces by the Kyoto paintar and
his contemporaries, including works
by Hashimoto Kansetsu and Jemure

Otsu City The Museum of Modern Art (tel: 42.2111). To Dec. 8: "Masterpieces of French Painting," Works produced by leading artists in France from the period of the "Ecole de Berblzon" to the cert improvedents. Eastures 80. the post-impressionists. Features 80 works by artists such as Corot, Renoir, Van Gogh and Picasso.

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Telegraph Office (tel: 229.450). To
Nov. 27: "Ratile-Zig-Zag." Part of an
internetional mall-art project focusing
on the artist's interpretation of the
meaning of the Catalan word, Ratile.
The works vary in size and character
from postcards to complete installa-

Fundació Joan Miró (tal: 329,1908). Nov. 18 to Jan. 10: "Gilbert and George: The Cosmological Pictures." Twenty-five large-format pieces produced by this pair of British

SWITZERLAND

Muséa Barbiar-Muellar (tal: 312.02.70). To Feb. 16: "Art des lies Salomon." An assortment of ancient tribal works from the Salomon Islands in the South Pacific.

Martigny
Fondation Pierre Gianadda (tel: 223.978). To Jan. 24: "Ben Nicholson." A retrospective including more than 50 paintings, reliefs and wood carvings by the English artist.

UNITED STATES

Waiter'e Art Gallsry (tel: 547,9000). Nov. 15 to Jan. 2: "Otto-cento: Romanticism and Revolution in 19th-Century Italian Perinting."
More than 100 paintings on view for the first time in the United States. Including Boldini, Fattorl and Mandini.

Malibu
The J. Paul Getty Museum (tel: 459.7811). To Feb. 21: "The Tomb of Nefertari: Conservation of the Wall Paintings." Including is a full-scale replica of the tomb and more than 40 related works.

New York The Brooklyn Museum (tal: 738.6501). To Jan. 10: "Max Weber: The Cubist Decade 1910-1920." More than 60 oils, watercolors and pastels of New York cityscapes and abstract figure studies, created at the apax of the artist's career.

National Museum of American His-tory (tel: 357.3129), To Jan. 15: "Ki-owa Culture in Transition, 1925-1955." Includes 72 photographs by Horace Poolaw, a Klowa, who docu-mented significant events of his tribe and the daily life of his family and friends, over a 30-year period.

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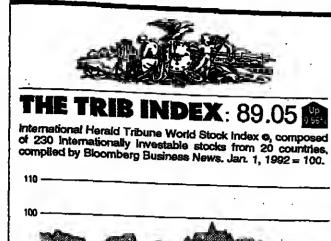
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Smaller Should Be Better In Picking Clinton Plays

By Jay Mathews ngton Post Service

EW YORK — Small-company stocks, as undervalued today as the chances of a Clinton presidency once were, appear ready to take advantage of a new administration in Washington and an economy favoring leaner firms with domestic markets, according to Wall Street analysts.

Junk bonds and municipal securities also may do well in the new

year, analysts said. But the combination of promised Clinton tax changes and prospects for a general economic upsurge seems to be putting the most luster on small-capitalization stocks. The Nasdaq market, composed mostly of small-capitalization

stocks, is in the midst of a strong surge. Its composite index has The record since jumped more than 14 percent Roosevelt is better since late June, after a 6 percent drop in the first six months of the year. By contrast, as of Monday the Standard & Poor's index

under Democrats. of 500 large-capitalization stocks was up only 0.36 percent since January, and the Dow Jones industrial average was just 2.25 percent higher.

The fact is that the small-cap sector does dramatically better in the first year of a Democratic administration," said Claudia Mott,

quantitative analyst at Prudential Securities Inc.

Since the administration of Franklin Roosevelt, she said, small-cap stocks have risen an average 38.3 percent in the first year of Democratic administrations and dropped 7.6 percent in the first year of Republican ones.

A Nasdaq spokesman, Jim Spellman, offered data showing a change of party in the White House in either direction can put small-cap stocks on a better pace than stocks of large companies, at least in the first month after the election.

The Nasdaq composite was up 1.59 percent the month after Democrat Jimmy Carter beat Republican Gerald R. Ford in 1976, compared with a 1.73 percent drop in the Dow industrials. The Nasdaq also climbed 6.09 percent after Republican Ronald Reagan beat Mr. Carter in 1980, versus a 3.44 percent rise in the Dow.

Ms. Mott said that where large companies rely more on sales in weak overseas economies, "small-caps are a lot less exposed overseas, and rely on that for a lesser proportion of their sales and earnings," Robert H. Stovall, president of Stovall Wenty-First Advisors Inc., said small companies also "don't have the ingrained manage ment perks and union work rules" and so have the potential to

Eurotunnel Chief Spares Few Words In Lashing Britain

LONDON - In a speech that he himself billed as a "tirade," the Eurotunnel chairman, Sir Alastair Morton, on Thursday mounted a vitriolic attack on a "cheless" British government for dithering over connecting the Channel Tunnel to the rest of Britain.

Sir Alastair warned that "cretinous". Treasury officials risked rendering a once great country "disconnected from the international scene" by not preparing modern rail and road links to the tunnel. Instead, when the tunnel opens next antuma, it will connect to "our clapped-out, jerry-built 19th century Kent rail system with a poor road system alongside," he said.

Sir Alastair contrasted that sorry state of affairs with those extant at the tunnel's Continental terminus. The French, he pointed out, had built no fewer than three motorways and two rail lines, including one high-speed line, to their end of the tunnel. Even the Belgians, he added, were upgrading their highway links and planning a high-speed rail link to Brussels.

"All that," Sir Alastair said, "will be connected to Folkstone from 1994, and perhaps within a decade or so after that to London and the rest of Britain . . . if God wills, because Her Majesty's Treasury certainly does not."

With the government under increasing fire for not taking an active enough role in the economy and for neglecting the nation's infrastructure and education, Sir Alastair's remarks will add fresh fuel to

He chastised the government of former Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher for having launched the Channel Tunnel with great fanfare and yet, when it came to connecting it to the rest of the nation, blithely tossing responsibility for that task to the private sector. For such lapses he blamed the "short time horizon of our government"

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U.K. Cuts Rates, Holds Spending

By Erik Ipsen

International Revold Tribune

LONDON — Norman Lamont performed almost precisely to widespread expectations on Thursday: He announced he would hold British government spending to £244 billion (\$366 bil-lion) and would sweeten a generally timid spending program for 1993-94 with a 1 percentage point cut in interest rates.

In his autumn statement to Parliament, the chancellor of the Exchequer announced a series of measures to aid such depressed industries as ng, autos and construction and in return slapped a 1.5 percentage point cap on public-

sector pay rises to help pay for it all.

In Rome, meanwhile, Italy's central bank also cut interest rates by 1 percentage point, to 13 percent, as the government of Prime Minis-ter Guliano Amato forced harsh austerity measures through Parliament against opposition

Under Mr. Lamont's plan, among those on the public payroll who can now expect to suffer are members of Parliament. Government minsters have pledged to do even more: They will forgo any raise.

Industry can now seize its opportunity safe in the knowledge the government is playing its part," Mr. Lamont declared.

While he was careful to wrap his package in the flag of fiscal conservatism, Mr. Lamont did reveal that government borrowing for the cur-rent fiscal year would total £37 billion, or 6.25 percent of Britain's gross domestic product. Only six months earlier he had shocked the financial markets by predicting that sum could be as high as £28 billion. The chancellor blamed the recession and the soaring cost of socialsecurity payments for much of the increase.

Mr. Lamont pledged to provide measures

been hardest hit by the recession." True to his word, the severely depressed construction in-dustry got several significant boosts.

As expected, construction of the extension of the Jubilee underground railway line will go ahead, pending the successful outcome of nego-tiations over partial private-sector funding for the line. There also will be more road construction, and the government will encourage more privately funded capital projects of such things as roads and bridges.

Local governments will get a powerful nudge to spend more on construction projects as well.

That will come from a new proposal to allow

France cut rates by a quarter-point. Page 13. them to spend all the money they take in from the sale of public-sector housing. That measure alone could increase capital spending by £1.75

billion over the next three years. The housing market, which has long been cited as a critical sticking point for the economy, was given a bit of help as well. Mr. Lamont said the government would spend up to £750 million buying up some of the vast number of repossessed homes that have been hanging over

the market, driving down prices. The car industry got what was perhaps the only surprising bit of good news in the speech. Effective at midnight, Mr. Lamont said he was abolishing the car tax, a move destined to make the average family car about £400 cheaper.

The chancellor spoke of the need for "a strategy that brings renewed confidence and a return to growth," and he eschewed any intention of producing merely a "short-term boom." On those points many economists were disappointed by what they heard Thursday.

Feliner, an economist with NatWest Capital Markets. He noted Mr. Lamont's renewed pledge to hold inflation in the range of 1 percent to 4 percent.

"That is like saying you are against sin," said Mr. Fellner. "Mr. Lamont has not been able to deliver the goods in the past, so why should we

think he will in the future? Few economists expect that British interest rates will do anything but continue their downward path. What worries some of them is that as the government still lacks a longer-term strategy, all of this loosening could just end up feeding another boom-and-bust cycle.

Unemployment figures released Thursday showed that the jobless total rose by a seasonally adjusted 24,200, although in percentage terms the rate held steady at 10.1 percent. That figure was well below market forecasts.

■ Good News for Italian Businesses

Italy's rate cut is certain to be greeted with some approval by business leaders seeking to pull the economy out of recession, The New York Times reported from Rome.

The cut in Italian interest rates, which brought the key discount lending rate down to 13 percent and the Lombard rate to 14 percent, was bigger than expected by many Italian analysts.

The Bank of Italy's announcement was made shortly after the Senate gave its approval to a government decree ordering the equivalent of \$47 billion in tax increases and cuts in such sensitive areas of government spending as pensions and public health.

With the economy in the doldrums and the lira being battered, Italian industry has also been recling under the high price of money.

Cellular Shrinks for Growth

By Anthony Ramirez

NEW YORK - A multibilliondollar telephone revolution is taking place in the United States, bringing with it a potential as great as that of the telegraph and the transistor radio for changing the world of communication:

Millions of Americans are now buying cellular phones - about 7,000 a day, many more than had been forecast - to carry around with them in cars, handbags and, briefcases.

It appears almost certain that millions more Americans will flock to a new system being developed: shirt-pocket or even fountain-pensize wireless phones. The system, called personal com-

munications services, or PCS, is designed to be more versatile than cellular and may — or may not, depending on the government deciuse. The handheld phones also will work as wireless computers to send

secretaries," said James E. Katz, a ness is still not profitable.

staff sociologist at Bellcore, the research arm of the regional Bell tele-phone companies. "It spreads to industry profit and the speed with the middle class what only robber barons once enjoyed."

In less than a decade, the cellular business has grown larger than the McDonald's fast-food empire. And last week, American Telephone & Telegraph Co.placed a 53.8 billion bet on its wireless future by seeking to buy one-third of McCaw Cellvlar Communications, the largest U.S. cellular carrier.

Nevertheless, cellular-phone users are finding that the price of making wireless phone calls has re-mained very high — in some cases, as much as 80 times the price of a conventional call. Part of the excitement over the new PCS system is its potential for changing that.

"Cellular calls are not costdepending on the government decisions ahead — be much cheaper to said Herschel Shostek, a telecom-

The cellular industry denies that data to other computers or relay it prices have been kept high artifi-for lax transmission. prices have been kept high artificially. It says the costs of construct-"One thing we know about PCS ing radio transmission stations and is that it will provide people the electronic equivalent of butlers and such that the wireless phone busi-

The basic factors for the success which the new system is put in place — all depend on how many companies the government decides to license, how their markets will be organized, how many customers each will serve and how large each geographic region will be.

The Federal Communications Commission had planned to act as early as the end of the year. But now, with the change of administrations and the likely re-

placement of at least two of the five commissioners, the decision will no doubt be pushed into next year. Unlike a cellular phone, which can have a range of about 20 miles (32 kilometers), a PCS unit will be limited to perhaps a few thousand

feet. But it will send signals to many more transmitter stations that will be smaller, cheaper and easier to install than cellular stations. Where a city might have a dozen

cellular stations, a PCS system might have hundreds, permitting lower-power transmission and very small phones. Because the user will never be far from a transmitter, the

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GM Weighs White-Collar Cuts

by the end of 1993.

NEW YORK - General Motors Corp. said Thursday it might reduce its North American salaried work force to between 60,000 and 65,000. by the mid-1990s, from about 71,000 by the end of

GM's top executives, at press briefings following meetings with financial analysts, also disclosed that the automaker posted a loss of about \$3 billion for the first nine months of the year, before taxes and interest, in its core business of building cars and trucks in North America. GM's loss was \$6.1 billion

in those operations in the comparable 1991 period.

Company executives said they expected GM's

from 304,000, by the end of 1995.

GM's bloated work force now costs it about \$795 more per vehicle than Ford, the low-cost

Ford's New Team Signals Change

DEARBORN, Michigan - Ford Motor Co. on

Thursday elevated three top executives, apparently setting in place the management team that will take over when Chairman Harold A. Poling retires from the second-largest U.S. automaker. Benton, would retire at year-end

The board installed Alexander J. Trotman as president of the Ford Worldwide Automotive Group, a move expected for several months, Mr. Trotman, who has been executive vice president in charge of Ford's North American operations, also was given a board seat.

The board also named Allan D. Gilmour a vice chairman with responsibility for the financial-services group and Louis Ross vice chairman and chief technical officer.

Regarding the possibility of further white-collar cuts, GM's new chief executive officer, John F. Smith Jr., said, "Over time, I think you'd probably have to get down in the 60s, the mid to low 60s."

GM said in December it would cut its salaried

work force from 91,000 to 71,000 by the end of

1993, partly through an early retirement program. On the blue-collar side, GM is sticking with its

estimate of having 250,000 hourly workers, down

Mr. Gilmour is widely believed to be in line to succeed Mr. Poling as chairman, while Mr. Trot-

Mr. Poling, 67, has not yet set a specific date for his retirement, but it is expected sometime next year. Mr. Benton, 63, is retiring effective Jan. 1; no one was immediately named to succeed him. Ford shares rose 50 cents on the New York

(AP, Reuters)

Stock Exchange, to \$38.875.

EC Will Strive for Accord With U.S., Brussels Pledges to GATT Director

Campiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

RRUSSELS — The European Community moved Thursday to assure the head of GATT that it would strive next week to resolve the growing trade dispute with the United States.

A spokesman for the EC Commission said it told Arthur J. Dunkel, director-general of the General
Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, that it would "proceed as quickly as possible" toward an agreement.

Mr. Dunkel, who is fighting to save a proposed

lacreasingly angry French farmers are determined to raise the stakes in the fight over GATT. Page 13.

world trade pact, held a one-hour meeting with the EC farm commissioner, Ray MacSharry, and the external relations commissioner, Frans Andriessen.

He had been mandated by GATT, which groups 108 nations, to go to Brussels and Washington to try and save the so-called Uruguay Round of trade talks, which would lower trade barriers in farm, services and

Mr. MacSharry said after meeting with Mr. Dunkel, "I am ever optimistic." The GATT director, who avoided the press after the talks, had no immediate comment.
Failure to resolve the EC-U.S. dispute over oilsceds subsidies threatens to ruin chances for an overall world trade accord. The United States has said it would impose 200 percent duties on \$300 million worth of European imports early next month if a deal

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Earlier this week, the 12 EC foreign ministers agreed that talks with Washington should resume immediately. They broke down last week in Chicago.

Mr. Dunkel now heads to Washington to meet the

top U.S. negotiators, Agriculture Secretary Edward R. Madigan, and the Trade Representative Carla A. Hills, on Monday.

The key trade negotiators from both sides will resume talks next Wednesday and Thursday,
An aide to Mrs. Hills, Cathy Lydon, said the U.S. side was hopeful that the European Community nations "have gotten their act together." She was refer-ring to the differences within the Community over the dispute between Washington and Paris.

The French finance minister, Michel Sapin, realfirmed Thursday that France would not make concessions on agricultural trade that would force deeper cuts in EC subsidies for French farmers. He said that a compromise on oilseed exports required concessions from the United States, not Europe.

Meanwhile, Economics Minister Jürgen Möllemann of Germany said neither the interests of some farmers nor the fact that the French government faces elec-tions soon should be allowed to block a world free trade deal.

"We cannot let our industrial pillar be cut away in the interest of some or many farmers," Mr. Mölle-mann said in a radio interview.

In London, Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd said that if the EC-U.S. talks failed, then "new barriers to trade might follow," jeopardizing the GATT process. (Reuters, AP, UPI)

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Risk of New U.S. Slide Is Significant'

LONDON - There is a "significant risk" that the U.S. economy will slip back into recession regard-less of how bold the new president is in drafting measures to speed a re-covery, a prominent U.S. economist told a meeting of European institutional investors here Thursday. The warning was sounded by Martin Feldstein, the Harvard

Ronald Reagan's Council of Economic Advisers and who now is president of the National Bureau of Economic Research Noting that a third relapse into recession "is not the most likely ontcome," Mr. Feldstein estimated that there was "a one in three

economist who headed President

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No local bias. No national slant. No partisan viewpoint. Simply a balanced editing of the news for people with a stake in international affairs.

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK - Stock prices stalled at slightly lower levels on Thursday despite signs of lower in-

The Dow Jones industrial average, which had risen 14.86 points on Wednesday, fell 0.54 of a point to 3,239.79.

Among the broad gauges, only the Standard & Poor's 500 index

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was in positive territory, up 0.67 of a point at 422.87.

Advances narrowly led declines. and Big Board volume was an active 227 million shares, off from 240 million Wednesday.

The Nasdaq composite index, which led the market the past five weeks, also ran out of steam, de-clining 0.55 to 634.37. Stocks failed to react to a rally in

the Treasury bond market, which was triggered by strong demand for the government's auction of 30year bonds. The auction fetched an average yield of 7.66 percent, and the outstanding long bond rose about 3/4 point, dropping the yield to a two-week low of 7.60 percent. The Treasury rally did trigger a \$1.6 billion flood of bond issues as companies led by CIT Group Holdings Inc., Coca-Cola Enterprises and Associates Corp. took advantage of lower borrowing

Hildegard Zagorski, vice president for national sales at Prudential Securities Inc., blamed the pullback in stocks on profit-taking following Wednesday's broad rally

Wall Street also ignored interest rate cuts by France and Britain, which energized stock markets in those countries. "In the U.S., people can't seem

to look past the problems at IBM and General Motors," said Jon Groveman, president of Laden-burg, Thalmann & Co.

Medco, the second-most active stock, was up about ½ after the company said it terminated its merger agreement with Diagnostek Inc. based on "material breaches" of the agreement by Diagnostek. Diagnostek, which was down as much as 314, said Medoo wrongfully terminated the merger.

General Motors rose % oo news that it expected to save \$5 billion or more by 1995 from job and material cost reductions. Ford Motor rose % on more reports of a manage-

Declining U.S. Yields Take Dollar Lower Too

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK — The dollar fell Thursday after a bond market rally sent U.S. interest rates tumbling.

In selling the dollar, investors shrugged off interest-rate cuts in Britain, France and Italy, oews that oormally would have lifted the U.S.

The cuts had been expected for so long that they were already re-

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flected in the value of the dollar, said Guy Standing, assistant vice president at Crédit Lyonnais. What's more, dealers said the dollar continued to suffer from sales by investors seeking to take profits on the currency's recent rise.

After hovering near 1.59 Deutsche marks for most of the session, the dollar fell in the afternoon after a stronger-than-expected auction of 30-year U.S. Treasury bonds sent prices rising and interest rates falling, said John McCarthy, chief dealer at ABN Amro Bank.

The \$10.3 billion of 30-year bonds sold at an average yield of 7.66 percent. The yield on the outstanding long bonds fell to 7.60 per-

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down from 1.5834 Wednesday. It also eased to 123,90 yen from

The pound wavered but later steadied after Britain's chancellor of the Exchequer, Norman Lamont, announced a one-point cut in bank base lending rates, to 7

"The rate cut may be seen as positive for sterling if it juices the economy," said a trader at UBAF Arab American Bank.

The pound closed at \$1.5285, up slightly from \$1.5251, and 2.4140 DM, down slightly from 2,4148. The dollar was steady at 1.4290 Swiss francs versus 1.4285 Wednes-day, but fell to 5.2345 French

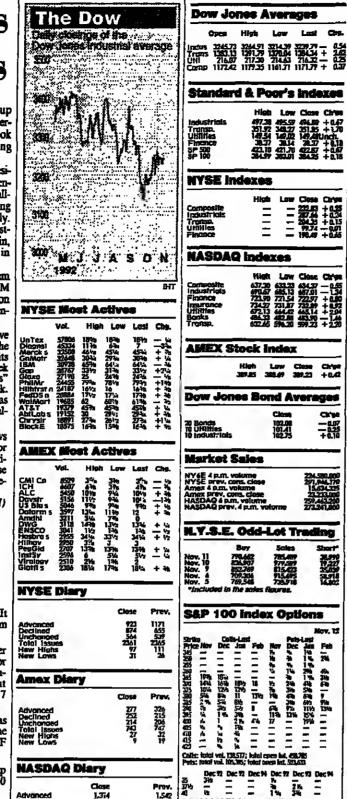
francs from 5.3805. In Europe earlier, the dollar had closed slightly higher in the immediate aftermath of the European rate cuts, including France's second ond quarter-point cut in 10 days. The French rate cut revived ontimism about lower European inter-

est rates," said David Simmonds, economist at Midland Montagu. The dollar ended at 1.5870 DM in London, compared with 1.5835 DM Wednesday, and at 123.86 yen

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pressed real estate values, continued high levels of corporate and household debt and slowing growth in the audience he was "not sure" Europe and Japan lead him to see rope's currency crisis was over.

"an increased risk that the economy could turn down again."

Mr. Feldstein said he expected

His principal cause for concern is that the Federal Reserve "has not been aggressive enough" in easing even as large a reduction as 0.75 of a point "would not be enough to

change the outlook."

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Jobless Claims at 2-Year Low

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of Americans filing new claims for jobless benefits fell to a two-year low in late October and remained under 400,000 for the sixth straight week, the government said Thursday. Thomas F. Carpenter, economist at ASB Capital Management, said the report was the latest sign that the employment situation had stabilized. He added: "The claims numbers suggest that the hiring phase of the economic growth cycle is on the verge of kicking in. It won't kick in in a big way, but it will start kicking in."

The Labor Department reported that first-time applications for unemployment insurance fell by 5,000 to 355,000 in the week ended Oct. 31, the lowest since claims totaled 354,000 in the week of Aug. 4, 1990. Many analysts had expected claims to rise.

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Initial claims, which peaked at 530,000 on March 23, 1991, in the depths of the recession, have numbered fewer than 400,000 since Sept. 26.

Fed Governor Sees No Bank Crisis

WASHINGTON (Bloomberg) — A Federal Reserve Board governor, Edward Kelley, played down Thursday the threat of a massive closure of commercial banks after a new banking law goes into effect next month. Ross Perot, who ran for president as an independent, warned during the campaign of a "December surprise," in which a number of weak banks would be shut down in a shock to the nation's banking system.

But Mr. Kelley said that only 34 out of about 11,600 banks were so seriously undercapitalized that they would be vulnerable to closure by federal regulators. Another 186 banks are borderline cases and could eventually be taken over by federal regulators, he added.

Gap Earnings Fell 12% in Quarter

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — The casual-clothing maker The Gap Inc., blaming the recession, said Thursday that third-quarter earnings fell 12.4 percent to \$62 million, from \$70.8 million a year earlier.

The results were in line with or above expectations on Wall Street, and Gap stock rose \$2.25 to close at \$33.50 a share on the New York Stock Exchange. Sales rose 17.8 percent to \$827 million.

United Airlines Seeks Return of Slots

CHICAGO (Bloomberg) — United Airlines petitioned the government
Thursday to return 36 takeoff and landing slots at O'Hare International
Airport it said were taken from United and given to foreign air carriers.

The action by the Federal Aviation Administration forced United to
cancel all or part of 36 domestic flights, United charged in its petition.

The slots were withdrawn for the 1992-93 winter season under an FAA:
policy that prants foreign carrier demands for season to the Chicago policy that grants foreign carriers' demands for access to the Chicago airport by eliminating domestic service, United said.

Microsoft Signs China Licensing Pact
HONG KONG (Reuters) — Microsoft Corp. said Thursday it had entered the Chinese market by signing a licensing agreement with a consortium of Chinese personal-computer makers.

The pact, which follows a Chinese-U.S. trade accord last year on copyrights, allows Microsoft's MS-DOS software to be installed on

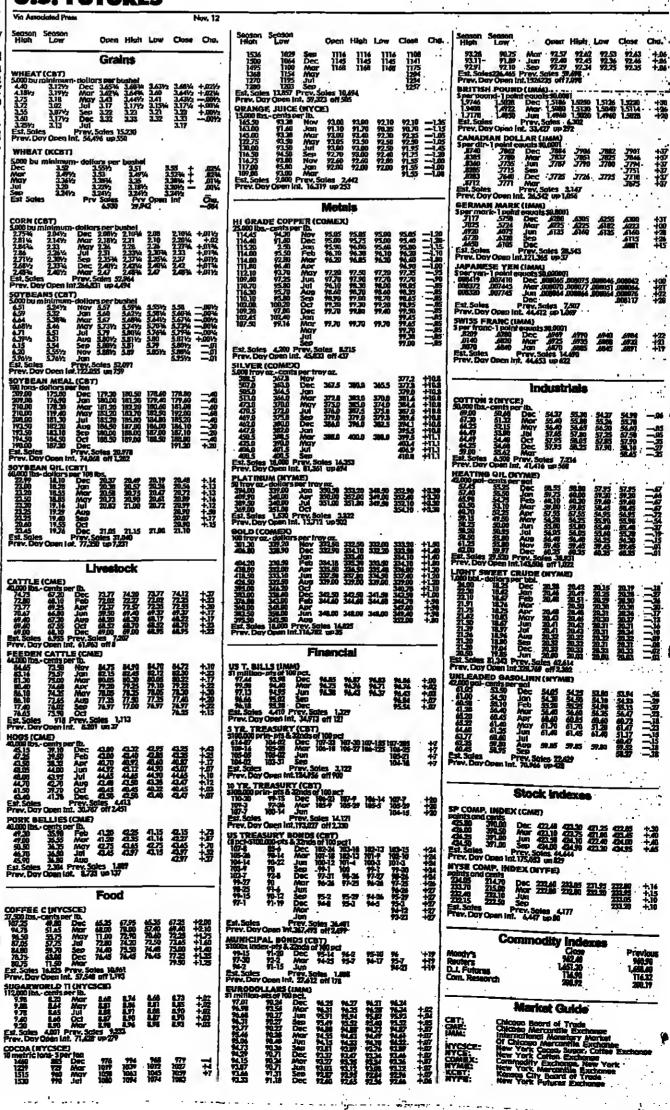
Chinese-made PCs for domestic sale for the first time.

Microsoft, the largest U.S. software publisher, said it placed great importance on the Chinese market.

For the Record

Gold prices firmed Thursday on the New York Commodity Exchange, the December contract finishing at \$333.50, up \$1.40, and adding to Wednesday's gains. Gold was at a seven-year low earlier this week. (IHT) Huntington Benesheres Inc. and CB&T Financial Corp. agreed Thursday to merge in a stock transaction valued at \$131.5 million. CB&T is a bank holding company with \$782 million in assets and 25 offices in West Virginia; Huntington, based in Ohio, has assets of \$14 billion. (Reuters) Chemical Banking Corp. said Thursday it expected nonperforming assets and net charge offs to fall 50 percent within five years. (Bloomberg)

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French Farmers Set to Fight

By Alan Riding
New York Times Service

EVREUX, France - Even as France risks provoking a trade war between the United States and the European Community, the 200 or so Norman farmers who gathered here this week were in no mood to thank the French government for standing up for their rights.

Already feeling betrayed that Paris has allowed the Community to cut their subsidies, the farmers now fear they will be sacrificed in the rush to rescue an agreement on global trade, And they are determined to

Working in their favor is the French public's deep affection for farmers, a feeling rooted in the widely held view that "La France rurale" is fundamental to the country's cultural identity. Throughout this year, the farmers have vented their anger by throwing rotten eggs at cabinet ministers, blocking high-

town squares and campaigning
— in the end, unsuccessfully against French ratification of a European union treaty in a national referendum. Now the farmers are protesting against the threat of new subsidy and production cathacks posed by the trade pact being negotiated under the auspices of

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ways, dumping fresh produce in

iffs and Trade "We're thinking of new road blocks or a tax boycott," said Philippe Arnaud, a leader of a

the General Agreement on Tar-

combative group called Rural Coordination.

British industrial glory, many French people are moved by evi-

dence that their countryside is

slowly dying as tens of thousands of farms close each year.

tion turned most British peas-

ants into factory workers, 35 per-

cent of France's population still

lived off the land in 1940. But

this proportion has fallen since

then and, with 40 percent of farmers now over the age of 55,

another 400,000 farms may close

represent what they once did,"

said Philippe Seguin, a conserva-tive legislator. But psychologi-cally and politically, they contin-ue to weigh heavily. The rest of

Europe and the United States

would be wrong to underestimate

the depth of sympathy for them."

In reality, subsidies - and not

sympathy — have kept French farmers alive over the past 30

years. Last year, they received about \$7 billion from the Europe-

an Community and another \$2.4

billion from the French govern-

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While the Industrial Revolu-

As farmers decked out in their Sunday best assembled for the group's strategy meeting in this Noman town 80 kilometers (50 miles) west of Paris, they made no secret of their belief that they are fighting for their survival.

"The Americans have us by the throat," Jean-Paul Depuy, a 61-year-old wheat and suparbeet farmer, said of the perils of the trade agreement. "If GATT goes through, things could mm very nasty here."

Fear of a sort of peasants' revolt is a major reason that the Socialist government has been willing to stand in the way of a 108-nation GATT accord to liberalize trade rather than bend to Washington's demand for concessions on agriculture.

In the name of 1 million farmers, or 6 percent of the work force, the government has even isolated itself from its European partners, who hope for an agreement before Washington's puni-tive sanctions on \$300 million worth of European food exports go into effect on Dec. 5..

As Europe's largest food producer, France will lose export revemues from a GATT deal Yet. more than anything else, it is the farmers who touch a raw nerve here, not only because they are capable of disrupting highway traffic, but also because so many people feel their quality of life is linked to the countryside.

Just as many Britons sympa thize with the plight of coal min-

Lifts Stocks

PARIS - The French government, eager to boost the economy just four months before general elections, cut interest rates by a quarter-point on Thursday, the sec-

ond such move in 10 days. The Bank of France said it was reducing its money market inter-vention rate, the benchmark for lending rates across the economy, to 9.10 percent from 9.35 percent. The central bank said it was able

to act because of the franc's strength and a rise in reserves. Finance Minister Michel Sapin said France had not only recovered the 160 billion francs (\$30 billion) spent defeading the franc during September's currency turbulence but had also increased its reserves

considerably in the past few weeks. "This shows the solidity of the franc, which has without doubt emerged strengthened from the recent monetary crisis and which therefore enjoys a real potential for appreciation," he said.

The franc gained to 3.3745 to the Deutsche mark, from 3.3770 before the cut, while the CAC-40 index of blue-chip stocks jumped 23.05 points, or 1.3 percent, to 1,821.51. Esther Baroudy of Crédit Lyonnais said the company was looking

for another quarter-point reduction "at least before the year ends." The move also lifted hopes of a rate cut soon by Germany, though the Bundesbank left rates unchanged at its council meeting Thursday. (Renters, Bloomberg)

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French Cut Layoff Costs Slice In Rates Profit 45% at BT

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches LONDON - British Telecommunications PLC, one of the most profitable companies in the world, on Thursday reported a 45 percent plunge in second-quarter pretax earnings as costs of job cuts gutted

its income. The company also said it would eliminate 15,000 jobs in each of the next two financial years, on top of the job caus in the current year.

BT, whose revenue has been hurt by the worst British recession in 60 years, said "the first signs of slight improvement may have been perceptible in the second quarter.

But BT's chairman, Iain Val-lance, cautioned that "the economic outlook remains uncertain, and the tough and challenging pressures of competition and regulation

Pretax profit for the three months ended Sept. 30 fell to £431 million (\$654.5 million), from £785 million a year earlier, as the company took a £386 million hit for thousands of job cuts.

But the results beat market forecasts of a £380 million to £420 million profit. On the London Stock Exchange, BT shares rose 14

pence, to close at 387. Stripping out the effects of the layoff charges, underlying earnings per share for the second quarter were 8.7 pence, up 2.4 percent from

a year earlier. BT raised its interim dividend by 7.9 percent, to 6.15 pence. The second quarter dragged

down first-half pretax profit by 36.2 percent, to £1.02 billion. That cut BT's first-half profit per second - a yardstick frequently used to measure its earnings power - to

The company said its drastic job cuts reduced staff costs by 3.9 percent in the half and 8.4 percent in the second quarter.

BT, seeking to boost efficiency, has slashed its work force by 17 percent, or 35,300 people, since the financial year's start, with 28,100

Shell Earnings Surge in Period

LONDON - Royal Dutch/ Shell, one of the world's biggest oil companies, said Thursday that third-quarter earnings on an estimated current cost basis jumped 58 percent to £824 million (\$1.25 billion). Net income on a historic cost basis increased by 38 percent

to £783 million. The results were at the high end of analysts' expectations, and the increase was primarily due to currency gains from exchange-rate movements and

The Angio-Dutch company said higher natural gas sales and the completion of North Sea maintenance programs should boost fourth-quarter earnings despite continued difficult trading conditions.

taking voluntary retirement. Mr. Vallance said staff cuts in the remainder of the current year would cost the company an additional £60 million in severance payments. Sales totaled £3.26 billion in the

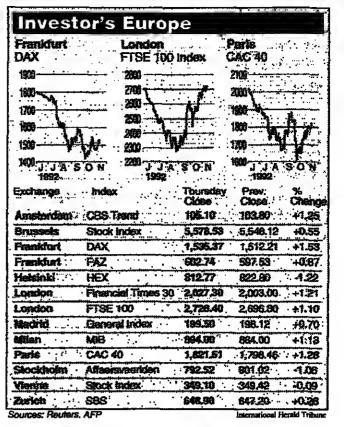
year earlier. In the half, sales fell to £6.53 billion from £6.63 billion. The effect of the recession was evident in the drop in domestic telephone call revenue in the half, which fell 1.1 percent, to £2.53 billion.

quarter, down from £3.29 billion a

Revenue from international telephone calls dropped 5.2 percent, to £889 million, because of price cuts. Lower prices for incoming calls offset volume growth.

Operating profit fell 27.5 percent, to £1.29 billion, in the first half. But adjusting for layoff costs, operating profit fell 3.2 percent in the half but rose 1.6 percent in the quarter.

(Reuters, Bloomberg) Russia Approves Bankruptcy Law



Very briefly:

 Schering AG, the world's largest maker of oral contraceptives, posted a 21 percent fall in group net profit, to 22 million Deutsche marks (\$13.8 million), in the third quarter. Sales were up slightly to 4.89 billion DM. Boots Co. posted a 15.6 percent rise in its half-year profit, to £187.8 million (\$285.2 million), led by a resilient performance from pharmacies. Compagnie des Machines Bull reported third-quarter consolidated sales of 6.19 billion French francs (\$1.16 billion), down 14 percent.

· Cap Genini Sogeti SA, the French computer-software company, said third-quarter consolidated sales rose 17.8 percent, to 2.77 billion francs. · Olivetti SpA, the Italian computer maker, said it was reorganizing into three divisions — products, systems and professional services — as part of a more market-oriented strategy.

 Aleatel Alsthom SA said its consolidated sales rose 6 percent, to 117.5 billion francs, in the first nine months of 1992.

• Royal Insurance Holdings PLC posted a pretax loss of £4 million, compared with a £117 million loss a year earlier, helped by a "marked improvement" in its operations in Britain.

. Christian Dior's consolidated sales fell to 5.24 billion francs in the third quarter, from 5.58 billion francs a year earlier,

· Dassault Electronique SA, burt by a slowdown in defense orders, said sales rose 1.1 percent in the third quarter, to 774.26 million francs.

Reuters, AFP, Bloomberg, AFX

Tables include the nationwide prices up to the closing on Wall Street and do not reflect late trades elsewhere. Via The Associated Pres

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MOSCOW — The Russian parliament adopted a benkruptcy law on Thursday that allows for the closure of inefficient and indebted enterprises, in a move that bolsters President Boris N. Yeltsin's efforts to dismantle the command economy.

Courts will be able to force indebted enterprise

into liquidation, the Itar-Tass news agency said. Voluntary liquidation of enterprises under creditors' control also is envisaged.

Thousands of Russian enterprises are heavily in-

debted and rely on state subsidies and credits to remain in business. Many are badly managed and continue to produce low-quality goods. The parliament, dominated by conservatives, has been reluctant to close down troubled enterprises, citing

its fears of large-scale unemployment, a phenomenon officially unknown in the former Soviet Union. The measure was approved on its second reading but the vote tally was not immediately known.

The absence of such a law has been a major weight on the government's budget, which is expected to see a deficit of 1 trillion rubles (\$2.4 billion) this year. The Russian currency took another dive Thursday

to record lows on Moscow's Interbank Currency Exchange, where it was fixed it at 419 to the dollar. The ruble began falling from about 163 in late August after the central bank's new leadership relaxed

its credit policy and made cheaper credits available to

the struggling state sector. ■ European Bank Ready to Help Oil Sector The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development plans to boost Russian oil output with substantial investment but faces legal and tax obstacles,

Renters reported from Moscow. Magne Haga, of the bank's merchant-banking de-partment, said: "Our most advanced project is one where we would finance equipment that would rather

dramatically increase the production of existing fields." He added: "There will be substantial amounts of money invested quickly in existing fields if legal and taxation questions are settled quickly." He did not

specify what problems needed to be resolved. in's energy sector has been hit by an acute shortage of cash for investment in new equipment. The government expects oil production to fall this year to 395 million metric tons, from 460 million tons in 1991.

Fiat Prepares To 'Slim Down'

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches ROME - Fiat SpA, the auto giant and Italy's largest privatesector industrial concern, announced Thursday it was preparing

a restructuring plan to decentralize the company and "slim down." Managing Director Cesare Romiti did not specify what moves the company would take to slim down, but said they were needed "because nowadays every company in the world must slim down." He apparently was referring to the troubled

Mr. Romiti also said the restructuring would involve the creation of a "brain trust, a kind of nerve center of very few people" to lead the group. He added that Fiat would "cut top management posi-tions in an effort to cut costs," but mentioned no specifics.

CELL: Will Smaller Be Cheaper?

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The PCS devices themselves and the small transmitters will be relatively cheap to make because of recent advances in the ministurization of electronic parts and the in-

crease in computing power.

For now, PCS is not threatening to make cellular obsolete, primarily because PCS has such a short range. But in the future, as the technology moves forward, there eventually may be a single wireless phone for everyone that will work

Critics of the cellular-phone industry say it has been given control of a public resource — scarce radio frequencies on the electromagnetic

Back in 1982, when the FCC set up rules for the cellular markets, the agency divided the United States into 734 territories and permitted no more than two compames to operate in each region. The theory was that competition between two companies in each market would eventually bring prices down, and that so few people would be interested in toting a phone around that no more than two companies per area could thrive. Not so, on either count.

According to the latest tally by the Cellular Telecommunications Industry Association, 10 million people now subscribe to cellular services, a level once forecast for

Industry revenue this year may well exceed \$7 billion. And within a few years, the personal communication systems are expected to add perhaps \$30 billion more annually. The boom defies the high prices.

Lee L. Selwyn, who runs a Boston telecommunications consulting firm, Economics and Technology Inc., sees "no intrinsic reason why cellular call shouldn't be priced at 10 or 15 cents a minute." In Manhattan, a five-minute cel-lular call costs \$2.25, or more than

20 times a 10.6-cent charge for a conventional call. Within at least two-thirds of the regions, the prices charged by the two cellular carriers have been

found to be almost the same. The General Accounting Office, the investigative arm of the Congress that made that determination in a July report, found no evidence of price fixing but said its investiga-tion was inhibited because the industry was not required to provide detailed revenue and cost da

If the wireless-phone field is competitive now, the FCC seems eager to make the new personal nunications services more so. A former senior official of the FCC, Albert Halprin, the nation's top telephone regulator in the mid-1980s, said: "The amount of competition is not what I would have hoped for. 'Mistake' is far from the right word to describe our action, but it was not perfect. With hind-sight, we should have authorized a

TIRADE: Mandarins as 'Cretins'

(Continued from first finance page) plus the "congenital British mabil-ity to project a plan forward."

He was even more withcring on the government's record following what he claimed was the recent abandonment of its sacred market

The switch, he said, came in Sepmber when the government intervened massively on the most unbri-dled of free markets, the foreignexchange market, spending money "like drunken sailors" in a vain

attempt to support the pound. Sir Alastair told his hosts, the Institution of Structural Engineers, that Britain now lacked any worldclass civil- or structural-engineering firms. He predicted that the coming decade would see major European construction projects ranging from tunnels under the Swiss Alps to bridges and tunnels spanning the Baltic Sea. He said it was unlikely that British firms would emerge as the winners in the race to build those megaprojects. **—ERIK IPSEN**

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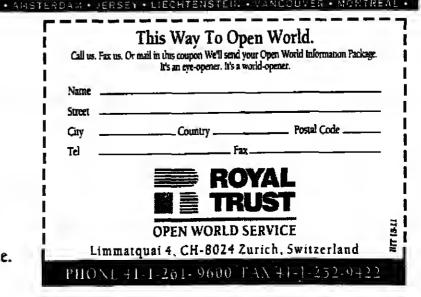
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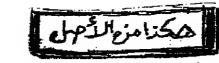


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SYDNEY - Australian financial markets sank on Thursday after the government report-

ed that unemployment surged to its highest

level since World War II and horriedly an-

nounced plans to divert 100 million Australian

There is some concern the government is

perhaps going to panic on the unemployment rate," said Marcus Tuck, an economist at Potter

Warburg, "Governments in the run-up to an

election are liable to do rash things that markets

ment rate jumped to 11.3 percent in October from 10.8 percent in September, and was up

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dollars (\$69 million) to create jobs.

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Jobless Surge Breaks Calm in Sydney

The stock market plunged to its lowest close since February 1991, as the Ali Ordinaries in-

dex dropped 19.2 points to 1,375.3.

The Australian dollar eased from 69.40 U.S.

cents just before the data was released to 69.15,

before bouncing back to close at 69.40. That

was up from 68.95 cents Wednesday. The active

December three-year bond futures contract fell

0.13 from its intraday high to 92.13, where it

The unemployment figures came on the heels other data indicating a stalled recovery. Retail sales figures released Monday showed an ane-

yielded 7.87 percent.

Brokers said the rise was much worse than expected and came just as confidence was beginning to return to markets after recent turned caused by the country's growing debt.

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Westpac Bank on Wednesday scaled back its growth forecast for 1993 to 3 percent from 4

percent and predicted high unemployment and

Mr. Keating told Parliament he would stimu-

late job creation with unspent funds allocated

for infrastructure, and said he was considering

encouraging employers to take on more workers. But economists said there was unlikely to

be any substantial improvement before May,

(Bloomberg AFP)

the latest the election can be held

stagnant interest rates through next year.

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Record Japan Surplus Clouds U.S. Ties

By Steven Bruil stional Herald Tribune

TOKYO — America's domestic problems overshadowed the Japanese trade surplus during the presidential election, but this year's imbalance has already hit a record annual level, raising fears of an escalation of trade frictions. The Finance Ministry said

Thursday that Japan's trade surplus had jumped a greater-thanexpected 51.3 percent in October, to \$10.9 billion. That sent the total for the first 10 months of 1992 to \$88.36 billion.

It also eclipsed the previous record for an entire year — \$82.74 billion — set in 1986. The total for 1992 could exceed \$120 billion.

"In a world increasingly plagued by protectionist threats, Japan's trade negotiators are bound to face further hard times," said Jesper Koll, economist at S. G. Warburg Securities. "The numbers continue to turn against them."

Japan's trade surplus has been expanding for 22 straight months as the recession cuts imports and manufacturers boost exports to compensate for sluggish domestic sales. Exports in October rose 9.2 percent; imports fell 5.1 percent. A new administration in Wash-

ington, viewing foreign policy through a domestic economicpolicy prism, is expected to step up pressure on Tokyo to stimu-late domestic demand as the

Firms Gear Up for Clinton

WASHINGTON - As President-elect Bill Clinton and his aides draw up policies for the next four years, some Japanese companies

and business executives are already gearing up for an intensive effort to influence the new administration's decision-making.

The head of a Tokyo-based manufacturing company has urged government and business officials to "maintain contact" with and "nifnence at every possible level" the Clinton administration.

"We charled have an internal rule in this "Clinton shelf?" "said line. "We should have an integral role in this 'Clinton shift,' " said Jiro Ushio, chairman of Ushio Electric Inc., which makes lamps and

optical equipment, in an interview with Sankei Shimbun.

Mr. Ushio also urged that, before the end of the year, Japanese governmental and business groups form missions to go to the United States and meet Mr. Clinton and his sides. He added, "We have little

In the days after Mr. Clinton's election, the president of the Japan Auto Manufacturers Association, Yutaka Kume, said the Japanese

car industry was preparing for severe new pressures.

Japanese executives were particularly worsied that the Clinton administration may restrict Japanese exports in retaliation for Japanese

nese restrictions on American goods in Japan. Japanese companies will be affected by changes in trade policies; by any Clinton effort to adopt an industrial policy in which the U.S. government aids American companies; by a planned drive to collect more U.S. taxes from foreign companies, and by attempts to tighten up the rules governing lobbyists for foreign interests.

quickest way to boost imports eral Democratic Party are in-

said Masaru Takagi, chief econo-

and narrow the trade imbalance.
But both Washington and Tokyo appear helpless to rein in the
surplus until the Japanese economy recovers, maybe next spring.

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taining billions of yea in public-

works spending.
Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa, weakened by the forced resignation of Shin Kanemaru, the party's strongest hand, is unlikely to exercise leadership to enact policies to curb the surplus.

This raises fears in Tokyo that President Bill Clinton might threaten Japan with trade legislation that authorizes retaliation against countries whose markets are deemed closed.

Although Japan is to some extent trying to export its way out of recession, it is turning increasingly to Asian markets. Exports rose most quickly to Asia, where the bilateral imbalance surged 55.6 percent to \$3,94 billion.

The surplus with the European Community rose 24.6 percent to \$2.81 billion, while the gap with the United States widened 28.5 percent to \$4.94 billion.

The vice minister of the International Trade and Industry Ministry, Yuji Tanahashi, called Thursday for lower short-term interest

rates to stimulate the economy.

"I think short-term interest rates remain unfavorably high when the official discount rate is 3,25 percent," he said. "For example, the overnight call rate is now 4 percent. I want monetary authorities to cut short-term in-

terest rates." His remarks gave stock prices a boost, the Nikkei average rising 58.78 points to 16,376.93.

Chemical Makers Feel Brunt of Japan's Slump

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches slowdown has hit the chemical industry, with two major companies on Thursday reporting profit de-clines of more than 50 percent in

the financial first half. Mitsubishi Petrochemical Co. said parent pretax profit in the pe-nod ended Sept. 30 fell 69 percent to 6.04 billion yen (\$48.7 million), on a 10 percent drop in sales to 188 billion yen. Mitsui Petrochemical Industries Ltd. said pretax profit fell 54 percent to 3.65 billion yea. Sales fell 5 percent to 153 billion.

Shin-Etsu Chemical Co., Japan's top maker of silicon for computer chips, said its pretax profit plunged 26.6 percent to 9.4 billion yen. Sales fell 5 percent. The results followed Wednes-

day's reports by Asahi Chemical Industry Co. of a 44 percent drop in pretax profit and Sekisoi Chemical Co.'s 40 percent decline.

The chemical companies' sales have been hurt by slumps in major

client industries such as the automobile, electrical and construction sectors. Weak demand has forced

Maker of Subarus Returns to Profit

profit forecast for the year ending in March, to 1 billion year.

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Thai Air Slims Down for Profit Drive

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BANGKOK - Thai Airways International Ltd. said Thursday it was

Chatrachai Bunya-Ananta, the airline's recently named president, said

the cost-cutting would boost revenue within a very short time.

streamlining operations, trimming its fleet and freezing employment to

chemical producers to cut prices at TOKYO - Japan's economic the same time as depreciation costs have risen sharply because of heavy recent investments in new plant.

Bloated inventories and financial pressures from bonds coming due for repayment will further delay recovery, said Masami Sawato, an an-alyst at Credit Lyonnais Securities.

"This will be a very tough year for us," said Chikato Fujisawa, a managing director at Mitsubishi Petrochemical.

He said depreciation costs rose 31 percent in the half, to 19 billion yea. The company projected a 51 percent drop in profit for the full year, to 15 billion yea, down from a previous forecast of 18 billion.

To help shore up profits, Mitsuhishi is cutting production 20 percent through December, reshuf-fling personnel and raising prices, Mr. Fujisawa said.

Mitsui Petrochemicals lifted its full-year pretax forecast to 10 billion yen from 6.5 billion, but the new estimate still would represent a drop of 25 percent from last year.
(Bloomberg, AFP, AFX)

Hong Keng Segments Deliver Segments Seg Investor's Asia

Very briefly:

McDonnell Douglas Corp. has signed an agreement with Shanghai Aviation Industry Group to jointly produce 40 MD-90 passenger aircraft worth \$1.1 billion, China's official Xinhua news agency reported.

TOKYO - Fuji Heavy Industries Ltd., the maker of Subaru cars, on United Terminal Consortium, a group led by Taiwan's Evergreen Marine Corp. that failed in its bid to build Hong Kong's ninth container Thursday posted a profit for the six months ended Sept. 30, its first in terminal, accused the government of bowing to vested interests in The company reported a current profit of 224 million yen (\$1.8 million), compared with a loss of 2.4 billion yen a year earlier. But it also halved its awarding the deal to consortiums involving operators of existing terminals: Hutchison Whampon, Wharf (Holdings) and Jardine Matheson.

a Arnotts, the Australian target of Campbell Soup Co., said it had dismissed a proposal by its former managing director to buy back the 33 percent stake held by Campbell, but said a purchase was feasible.

• Kokusai Denshin Denwa Co., Japan's largest international phone service, said competition from rival services forced pretax profit down 5.1 percent to 13.25 billion yen (\$106.9 million) in the half-year ended Sept. 30; revenue from international calls fell 23 percent to 91.27 billion yea.

 Nippon Telegraph & Telephone Corp. said it signed an agreement with Their Telephone & Telecommunication Co. to help install 1 million telephone lines in provincial Thailand at a cost of 200 billion yen. China signed an agreement with subsidiaries of Italy's Agip, Chevron

and Texaco to jointly develop two oil fields in Huizhou in southern China, with investment of \$280 million, the official China Daily said. AFX, AFP, Bloomberg, Renaers

Winter Bonus? How About a Heated Carpet Certificate

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches TOKYO - Loaded with big inventories and stuck in a sales shump, two of Japan's leading electronics firms are asking their top managers to give up their winter cash bonnses this year - for gift certificates for their

companies' products.

At NEC Corp., the country's largest computer maker, managers at the section chief level and up will have their choice of any product - from computer chips to heated

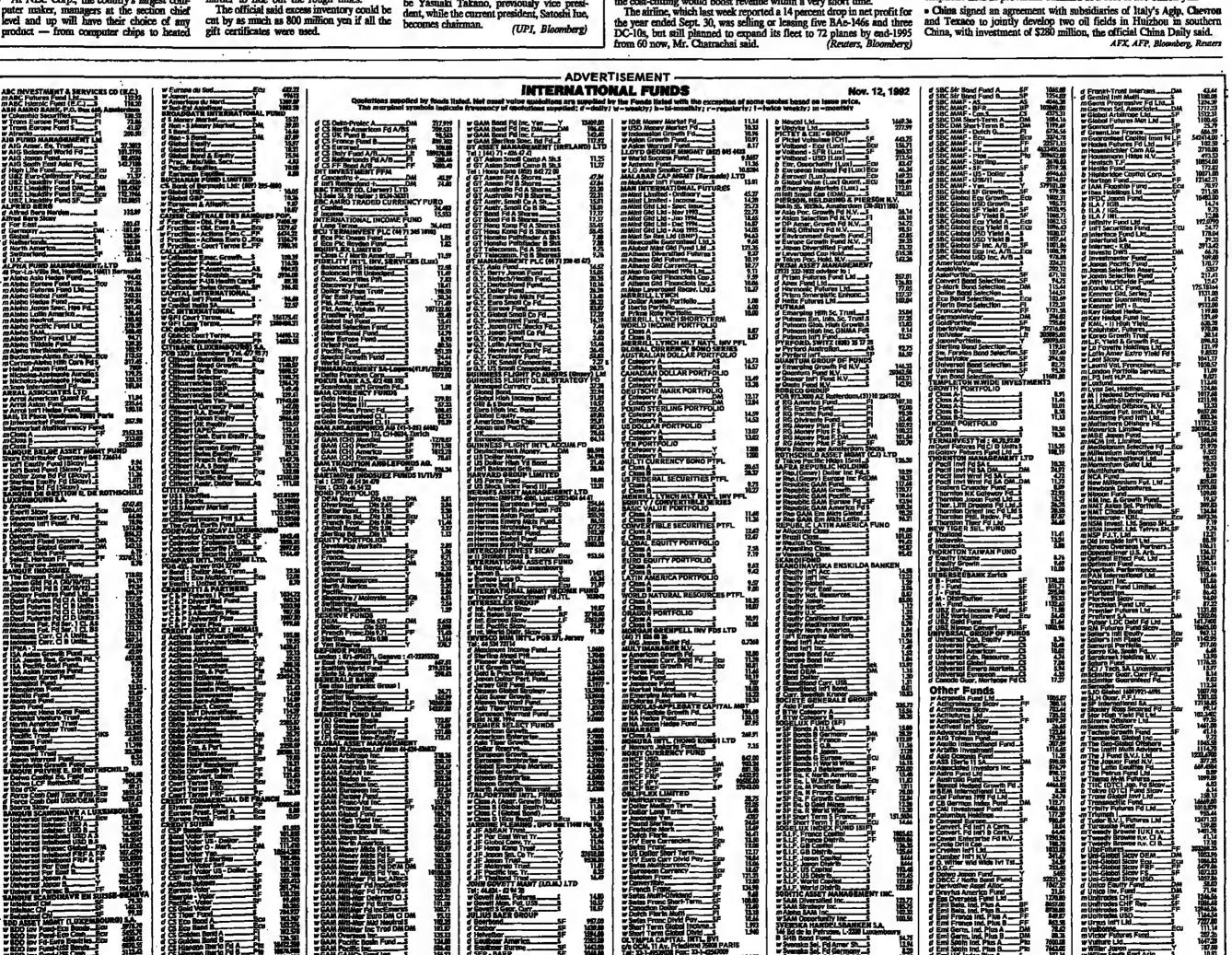
carpets - sold by NEC or its affiliates in lieu of their winter bonnses. For top executives it would mean 300,000 yen (\$2,420) in goods. A company official said: "More than the benefit of reduced costs, the move is aimed at demonstrating to employees that times are

tough. We are encouraging them to work harder to ride out the rough times." The official said excess inventory could be cut by as much as 800 million yen if all the becomes chairman.

Sanyo Electric Co., the home electronics company, unveiled a similar plan. According to the Kyodo Tsushin press agency, Sanyo will cut managers' bonuses 10 percent and replace another 9 percent with gift certificates.

Sanyo also announced a reshuffle of its top management. Taking over as president will be Yasuaki Takano, previously vice president, while the current president, Satoshi Iue,

(UPI, Bloomberg)



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Sweden Chases Disease Killing Runners

7 Top Orienteering Athletes Have Died in 3 Years

By Barry James national Herald Tribun

Swedish doctors and health officials met in Stockholm Thursday to discuss a mysterious illness believed to have killed seven

top athletes in the past three years.

The seven who died all took part in the sport of orienteering, and all came from a small area of central Sweden.

The Swedish national team this week canceled training and races for its 50 runners after one of its members, Melker Karlsson, 24, died following a training session and a sauna last Friday.

The orienteering federation advised more than 200 other senior racers to avoid competition and ease up on training.

The Danish orienteering federation also ordered its team to stop training because of the risk that some of its runners may have become infected while running in

In orienteering, cross-country runners use a compass and map to follow a route through woods and rough terrain. It is popular throughout the Nordic region, eastern Europe and parts of Western Europe and the United States.

Lillemor Palsson, the Swedish team doctor, said there does not appear to be any or erythomycin, two common antibiotics.

reason for ordinary recreational runners to be concerned, although tabloid newspa- Palsson said, the disease appears to have pers in Scandinavia and Germany have affected and weakened the hearts of its published big headlines calling the disease

have been spread by close contact among weeks. In the meantime, doctors are carry-

victims. She said all members of the Swedish team are having blood and heart tests the "jogger-virus." ish team are having blood and heart tests

Dr. Palsson said the disease appears to in an investigation that could take several

But meanwhile, the illness remains a

mystery. "The only thing we know," said Dr. Palsson, "is that all those who died had

lived in the middle of Sweden and had

known one another."

Dr. Palsson said doctors and specialists

involved with the infection were meeting

in Stockholm to compare notes and discuss a strategy for investigating and treat-ing the disease. She said a large proportion of the population has anti-bodies indicat-

ing exposure to a chlamydia infection,

which can take various forms. But a meth-

"The only thing we know is that all those who died had lived in the middle of Sweden and had known one

Lillemor Palsson, the Swedish team doctor

members orienteering teams rather than ing out tests to confirm that Karlsson died by the strenuous physical exercise the 'of the disease. sport entails.

She said there is no indication that the illness has stricken sportsmen and women outside the orienteering community.

Doctors believe the illness is a variant of

a relatively widespread affliction called Taiwan Acute Respiratory Infection, or chlamydia pneumonia, which causes pharyngitis, brouchitis and pneumonitis, particularly in young adults.

Caused by a form of bacteria, it is usually cured within two weeks by tetracycline od enabling positive identification of the Taiwan infection has been available only for a short time.

The infection is in many respects similar to Legionnaires' disease, and Dr. Palsson said it may have been responsible for an acute respiratory infection among Finnish army conscripts in the early 1980s.

She said it does not appear to be highly sale said it does not appear to be ingui-infectious, but may spread from person to person in close physical contacts. This is true of orienteering, where team members often share rooms or tents.

"Orienteering is a way of life," said Dr. Paisson, who has practiced the sport her-self since 1964. Speaking in a telephone interview from Karkskoga, where she is a general practitioner, she said that it is the kind of sport where "you meet a lot of people, and make a lot of friends. You go with your families and become very clo Dr. Palsson has recently traveled with the national team to the United States and

people who died were very well trained, and trained a lot," she said. Sweden has about 50,000 orienteers, of whom 3,000 have been trained up to competition standard. Many also go cross-

Canada and knew Karisson well. "The

country skiing in winter.

In the senior men's competitions, the runners race for 90 minutes through steep and rough terrain. "It is tough," said Dr. Palsson, "much tougher than ordinary jog-

The NBA Comes to CNN In Film Rights Agreement

WASHINGTON -- Sport fans oversess who tune in to CNN news will now be able to see highlights of all their favorite American professional teams in action.

An agreement that allows CNN to show film clips of National

Basketball Association games was signed last Friday, according to

Jim Walton, CNN vice president for sports. The channel is now telecasting a half-hour of NBA highlights on Sunday at 2230 GMT, as well as film clips during its daily coverage

CNN had already obtained permission to show clips and highlights from National Football League, National Hockey League and professional baseball games. In the past, CNN was forced to black out the video portion of the

highlights, infuriating fans who could hear the announcer shouting "What a great play!" but could never see what he was talking about. Walton said that the blackouts were forced by overseas networks that owned rights to show these sports events and felt that any other broadcast, even a short highlights film or a clip from a game, was a

violation of these rights.

This was particularly difficult for baseball, Walton said, because the sport has worldwide popularity and literally dozens of foreign networks had to be placated.

"We finally convinced them," Walton said, "that more exposure is good for everybody." The final agreements allowing CNN to show baseball highlights were reached last year.

Walton said that CNN was continually working to upgrade its sport coverage and was working to get clearance for golf, tennis and other sports events.

Antonio two weeks earlier.

last season's most valuable player in the Spanish League, Spaniard Alberto Her-reros. Or any Spanish or Italian national for that matter. Spanish League officials say the format — new this year to both leagues — was instituted because this stretch of the world

players allowed."

basketball calendar is reserved for national team play, meaning the best Spanish and Italian players were not available for the game.

The Italian national team "is playing games in the next several days," said Span-

All-Star Game

In Spain Short

Of Local Talent

The Associated Press

MADRID—If they hung a sign outside the sports pavilion here — the 11,000-sear site of this weekend's star-studded Span-

ish-Italian league all-star basketball game—it would read: "No Spanish or Italian

Saturday's all-star game will serve up the 7-foot, 4-inch (2.24-meter) Lithnanian

center and former Soviet star Arvidas Sa-

bonis - an National Basketball Associa-

tion draft choice and once considered per-

haps the best big man in the world — as well as former NBA player Jeff Lamp. Both play in Spain, where Lamp was the top scorer last season.

The Italian League will showcase former NHA strongman Darryl Dawkins and Brazilian sharpshooter Oscar Schmidt.

But Spanish fans, for instance, won't see

ish League spokesman José Vendrell.

"The Spanish national team isn't playing this year in this period, but it probably will next year. That would have forced us to change the format again."

This year's game also calls for a slam-dunk contest (concurso de mates, in Spanish) and a three-point shooting con (concurso de triple). And plans call for the same format next year in Rome, Vendrell

"After next year, we'll look at getting the French and Greek leagues involved, too," Vendrell added.

Asked if he had heard complaints from Spanish players, Vendrell said, "I haven", but that's not my area." In previous years, the Spanish League all-star games featured the top players in

the league, regardless of nationality. The Italian League's all-star game has traditionally featured the top foreigners.

Vicente Salaner, basketball writer for
the Madrid daily El Mundo called tije

game's format "gross, absolutely ridicu-"You have to go for the best players in the leagues, period," Salaner said. "This is a gumnicky, show-business kind of thing. What does it say about the quality of the

local players in the league? Spain and Italy are the two strongest European leagues, and I understand bring-ing them together in a first-ever game like

this to help push a budding effort for a new European-wide league," Salaner added. But I think this idea has misfired." The major player missing from the Italian team will be Toni Kukoc, a Croat who was picked but bowed out with an injury. Europe, Kukoc is believed to be considering moving next season to the NBA Chick-

go Bulls. Other familiar names on the Italian team include a former NBA player, Greg Anderson, and a Croat, Dino Radja, draft-ed by the Boston Celtics. Three or four Spanish players could have made the team if Spaniards had been included. Salance said.

included, Salance said. "I'm not a protectionist," Salaner said.

"I supported the move this year to add a third foreigner to the roster" in the Span-

"But this is theater they have put together, not a sporting event."

Jordan a Long Shot **In Beating Pistons**

Michael Jordan played a familiar . The second time, with Joe Du-

Thirty feet (nine meters) from the basket, with the Chicago Bulls trailing by a point and the clock running out in overtime, he sank a 3-point shot at the buzzer to beat

NBA HIGHLIGHTS

the Detroit Pistons, 98-96, on

fourth quarter.

in my shot. And I think all my teammates have the confidence in me to make it with that amount of Chippers, who lost their first three

same move he used at the end of Sacramento on Randy Brown's regulation, when he missed his shot. last-second jumper.

played college ball for Iona.

DENNIS THE MENACE

mars among the defenders, Jordan said: "He thought I was going to the left like last time, but I went right, had a clear dribble and then made it."

"What can you say?" Dumars Jordan had a game-high 37

Elsewhere in the league:

Wednesday night.

He hadn't made a shot from the field since the 7:34 mark of the geles won its first game in four tries. and handed Sacramento its first "You either make it or you miss defeat, building a 24-point lead and it," Jordan said. "I have confidence holding on at the L.A. Sports Arena. Danny Manning had 21 points, 15 rebounds and nine assists for the

ime left."

games by a combined 10 points —

Jordan said he got free with the including a defeat Tuesday night in

Greeks Arrest Former NBA Player

SALONICA, Greece - Former NBA guard Steve Burtt was released on bail Thursday, one day after his arrest on drug possession charges, and then was taken into custody again by immigration police who would be deported as an undesirable alien.

A police spokesman said the immigration service sought a deportation order from the Public Order Ministry in Athens. He said Burtt would remain in custody until they received a reply. Burrt, who plays for Iraklis Salonica, was arrested Wednesday after his arrival at Macedonia International Airport when police said II grams of

hashish and two grams of cocaine was found in his luggage. He was returning from a trip to New York.

Burtt said the "drugs were found in my jacket, which I had lent to a few people when I was in the United States. I want to get to the bottom of this

too. I want to finish my career in Greece." The 6-foot, 2-inch (1.87-meter) guard is the second-highest scorer in the 14-team Greek first division league with 244 points in eight games. Burtt played for Phoenix, Golden State and the Los Angeles Chippers in the NBA, and for teams in the Continental Basketball Association. He



Mark Aguirre beat Rodney McCray, left, and Michael Jordan on this play, but at the overtime buzzer Jordan was the winner.

"I was just trying to hang in, And if you do that, sometimes you get lucky." He got lucky — and Kite very unlucky — when Kite's 8-iron shot from the rough on the first Masters champion Fred Couples had another 71 and was third at 142. British Open title holder Nick Faldo trailed the field of the 1992 winners of golf's playoff hole trickled off the green, down a steep major topposments at 71-143. bank and into an impossible position in a bunker, Kite won \$250,000, Couples \$200,000 and Faldo setting up the winner on Price's two-putt par.

Price Beats Unlucky Kite in Playoff

UEFA May Double Teams in '96 Finals

LA QUINTA, California - After standing fast

under the onslaught of one of golf's great rounds, Nick Price needed only a routine par to defeat Tom Kite in a sudden-death playoff in the Grand Slam

"I was just hanging in there," Price, the PGA champion, said Wednesday, "Tom was putting on an exhibition, just rifling his shots at the hole and making all those putts.

BERN, Switzerland - European soccer's gov-erning body, UEFA, said Thursday it may double the number of teams allowed to compete in the final round of the 1996 European Championship.

Given the growing number of national soccer associations from the former Soviet Union and Yugoslavia, it might be "feasible" for 16 teams to

compete in the finals, it said. A statement said that UEFA's committee for the

championship would submit a recommendation to the authority's executive committee.

The executive committee would likely take a "decision in principle" at a meeting in the Turkish city of Istanbul Nov. 30 and Dec. 1.

The victory was Price's third in four weeks -and

Neither of those even approached the value of

this one, however: \$400,000 from the total purse of

Both Price and Kite, the U.S. Open champion, completed the regulation 36 holes in 137, 7 under par on the Jack Nicklaus Resort Course at PGA West.

his third in a playoff. He also won a playoff in New Zealand last week, and the Texas Open in San

UEFA had originally said that eight teams should qualify for the 1996 finals in England, the same number as were in this year's tournament in Sweden. The competition takes place every four

The statement said the championship committee had discussed the change at a meeting in Frankfurt. The director of the 1996 final round, Gien Kirton, was in favor, it said.

European and U.S. Regattas Join Cup

FREMANTLE, Australia - Regattas in the United States, Spain and Italy will be included in the Champagne Muum World Cup ocean racing circuit for the first time in 1993, organizers said

A new regatta has been created in Punta Ala. near Rome, to make up the four-event series, Brit-ain's Royal Ocean Racing Club said.

The 1993 Champagne Minim World Cup opens with the Yachting Key West Regatta in Florida Jan. 14-22, a long-established event on the yachting calender which is joining the World Cup circuit.

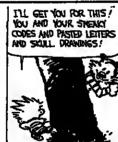
The new Italian regatta, the Champagne Munim Cup, follows on May 16-22 and will be organized by the Associazione Vela Altura Italiana.

The third regatta, and highlight of the tour, is the Admiral's Cup in Cowes, England, which is generally regarded as the world championship of ocean racing. It concludes with the famous Fastnet race and runs from July 25 to August 12.

The final regatta on the 1993 tour is Spain's Principe des Asturias, based in Bayona, from Aug. 26 to Sept. 5. It is another traditional event that has acquired World Cup status.

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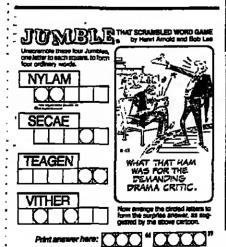






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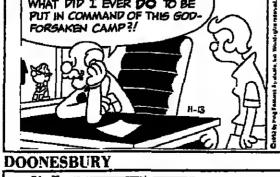
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SPORTS BOXING

Title Bout Live on TV

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Some boxing fans will be able to follow the Holyfield-Bowe world heavyweight title fight live on television and radio Sunday in Europe and Asia. The fight is scheduled to be-

gin about 8:15 P.M. Friday in Las Vegas (0415 GMT Saturday; all times below are local) but some channels will begin coverage earlier than others, because the main bout will be preceded by other fights.

These are the countries and the stations that will be carrying the fight, according to informa-tion provided by Main Event, which is promoting the bout,

Australia and New Zeaband: Sky Channel, live Saturday. In Sydney and Melbourne from 1:00 P.M., title fight at 2:15 P.M. In Perth, from 10:00 A.M., title fight at 11:15 A.M. In Brisbane from 12:00 A.M., title fight at 1:15 P.M. In Adelaide from 12:30 A.M., title fight at 1:45 P.M.

starts at 3:00 A.M., title bout at 4:30 Saturday.
Canal Plus Belgique, taped,
6:45 A.M. Saturday.

Britain and Ireland: Skysport, live at 4:30 A.M. Saturday with repeat at 6:00

BBC Radio 5, updates during the light, about 4:30 A.M.

Canal Plus, live coverage starts at 3:55 A.M. Saturday, fight at 5:15 A.M. and high lights of bout at 8:07 A.M.

Premiere, live at 4:30 A.M. Saturday.

Hong Kong: No coverage planned.

Telepin 2, live starting at 3:00 A.M. Saturday with repeat at 10:30 P.M.

WOWOW, live from noon to 2 P.M. Saturday.

Film Net, live, coverage starts at 3:00 A.M., title bout at 4:30 Saturday.

Portugal: SIC TV, taped. Broadcast Scandinavia: TV1000, live starting at 2:30

A.M., Saturday. Repeated at 11:50 A.M. Singapore: Plaus uncertain.

Spain Canal Plus España, live cov-

crage starts at 4:07 A.M. Ropeat Sunday 12:54 A.M.

TTV, live coverage Saturday starts at 10:00 A.M., title bout at 12:15 P.M.

How to See Can Holyfield and Bowe Finally Stop Shadowboxing Tyson?

By Phil Berger New York Times Service

LAS VEGAS — Mike Tyson has become an asterisk for those who are, or would be heavyweight champion.

Riddick Bowe, who hasn't even won the title yet — he moets the champion, Evander Holyfield, on Friday night at the

Thomas and Mack Center here - got a taste this week of the preoccupation with Tyson, a former champion who is serving

At the final news conference this week for the Holyfield-Bowe fight, Bowe was asked if he could really consider himself the undisputed champion without having fought Tyson.

Bowe said, in effect, that Tyson was

past tense and that he would become the future of boxing when he beat Holyfield.

"People will recognize me as the champ," Bowe said. In fact, the Holyfield-Bowe bout may

just be the kick start the heavyweight division has needed since Holyfield beat up a porcine James (Buster) Douglas to win the crown in October 1990. "It's a fight where the outcome is at

risk and that makes a big difference," said Lou DiBella of TVKO, which is distributing the fight on a pay-per-view

Indeed, when Jimmy Vaccaro, the head of the Race and Sports Book of the Mirage, opened up a betting line on the bout, he called Holyfield-Bowe a pickem fight. Since then, Holyfield has become a 7-5 favorite. But Vaccaro said that a lot of late money was coming in on

"This is a fight where the fan isn't sure who is going to win and that's why the fight is performing." DiBella said

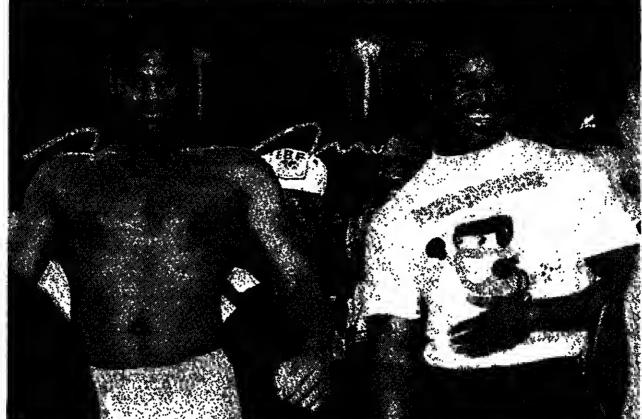
vance pay-per-view sale and a muted allusion to the huge loss TVKO took on Holyfield's last fight, a decision victory despite his billing as "The Real Deal."

Evander Holyfield, right, laughed as Riddick Bowe, who is challenging him for the world heavyweight boxing title Friday night in Las

Vegas, put his muscles on reighing in ceremo-nies. The 6-foot, 2inch 208-pound Holyfield has become a 7-5 fa-

vorite to win what is ex-

pected to be a bruising bout. But the 6-5, 235pound Bowe is undefeated in 31 fights and has a reputation as a puncher. He comes into the fight perceived as a bona fide test for the



over Larry Holmes, a former champion. Sources at TVKO have put the losses for that bout at about \$2.5 million. As a result. TVKO chose not to take any of the risk this time as a promoter, accepting instead a flat fee as a producer and dis-

Holyfield has never been a big sell

Although Holyfield is 28-0 with 22 knockouts, the 30-year-old champion has yet to excite the public, even remotely, the way Tyson did.

Part of the problem has been Holy-field's opposition: Douglas came into the ring overweight and without any fight in him. Holmes and George Foreman were the glory-that-used-to-be. Bert Cooper ly knocked ont Holyfield.

That is hardly a recipe for advancing a heavyweight reputation. But in Bowe, the 6-foot-2-inch (2.3-meter), 208-pound (94kilogram) Holyfield appears to have a chance to legitimize his standing if he

Bowe is young (25), big (6-5, 235

pounds), undefeated (31-0, 27 knockouts) and has a reputation as a puncher. He comes into the bout perceived as a bona fide test for the champion.

If the odds reflect the competitive quality of the match, then the Holyfield-Bowe matchup could be the bout that

winner gives. The expectation is that Ho-lyfield-Bowe will be an action fight.

"Both guys get hit a lot," said Logan Hobson of CompuBox, which tabulates the punch counts of major fights. "In his last few bouts, Holyfield has been getting hit with 50 percent of opponents' power punches, and Bowe with about 48 percent of opponents' power punches. Those numbers say that these guys will be in a

It's not just the excitement that Holyfield-Bowe could generate that would re-vive the heavyweight division. There is a sense that capable young fighters have arrived, creating the mystery and specu-lation so essential to rousing public inter-

In the wings is Lennox Lewis, who knocked out Razor Ruddock in two rounds last month and has been guaranteed a shot at Friday's winner. His emergence as a force adds intrigue that the division has not yet had in the Holyfield

regime.
Holyfield's camp says the champion is committed to fighting Lewis, should he beat Bowe, but the challenger's manager, Rock Newman, said that while Bowe would be amenable to fighting Lewis, he might first want to hype both young fighters before a showdown on a different card, at a unique site.

"There is the possibility of Riddick defending his title against George Fore-man, with Lewis on the card," Newman said. "We have been presented with a mind-bogging offer to go to China to fight George Foreman. It would certainly be nearly double the site fee of any boxing match in history. George remains an

extremely marketable challenger." Newman's attorney, Milt Chwasky, has been retained by Beijing Xingua, a Chinese company that had scheduled and begins to expunge the Tyson asterisk.

Much depends on how bruising the first pro fight card in China last month. then canceled what would have been the

SIDELINES

Big Player Suit Against NFL Begins

MINNEAPOLIS (UPI) -- The NFL Players Association went to court Thursday, seeking free agency for the approximately 280 players whose contracts expire after this season ends.

The case, stemming from a class action antitrust suit filed in September, will be heard by Judge David Doty, who presided over the recent Freeman McNeil trial. After a three-month trial, the jury determined

Plan B free agency restrictions violate antitrust laws.

• The Canadian Football League is committed to expansion, including a move into the United States, but no decision has been made about where or when, its commissioner, Larry Smith, said Thorsday.

(AP)

For the Record

The regional government of Flanders threatened Thursday to ban the European Community Championship in Antwerp next year after ATP officials barred a government medical team from performing drug tests.

is has changed the venue of its March 26-28 Davis Cup qualifier against Germany from the Black Sea resort of Adler to Moscow because of the conflicts in the Caucasus Mountains near Adler. (UPI) Scotland received a double injury blow Thursday when Glasgow Rangers midfielders Stuart McCall and Ian Ferguson withdrew from the

Joe Kinnear, the manager of Premier League team Wimbledon, received a five-match ban from the sidelines Thursday for swearing at

officials for the third time in nine months. Alongo Mionning, the No. 2 draft pick, agreed to a six-year contract reportedly worth \$26.25 million; but to sign him, the Charlotte Hornets said, they will have to make a trade to get under the NBA salary cap. (AP)

• Lee Trevino on his aggressive putting: "The ball's got to stop somewhere, it might as well be in the bottom of the hole."



Greg Maddux: After 20 victories, gambling for millions.

Cy Young Award Sweetens Pot for Free Agent Maddux

By Michael Martinez New York Times Service

whose 20 victories for the Chicago Cubs made him among the more attractive free agents available this winter, may have upped his asking price by being named winner of the National League's Cy Young

Maddux went 20-11 and had a 2.18 carned run average for a Cubs team that had a losing record and finished fourth in the National League East. He is the first National League pitcher on a losing team to win the Cy Young since Randy Jones of the San Diego Padres in

Maddux, a right-hander, gambled that his bargaining power would improve when he rejected a contract offer from the Cubs in July that would have paid him \$27.5 million for five years. Instead, he opted to take his chances in the free-agent marketplace.

In voting announced Wednesday by the Baseball Writers Association of America, the 26-year-old Maddux received 20 of 24 firstplace votes for 112 points. He was named second on the remaining four ballots.

Maddux beat out Atlanta Braves left-hander Tom Glavine, who was trying to become the league's first back-to-back winner since Sandy Koufax in 1966. Glavine, who was 20-8 but just 7-5 in the season's second half, got four votes for first and finished second with 78 points. The last pitcher to win the Cy

Young Award in consecutive scasons was Roger Clemens of the Boston Red Sox in 1986 and 1987. Also named on ballots, submit ted by two writers in each league city, were Bob Tewksbury, the former Yankee and current St. Louis Cardinals right-hander, Lee Smith of the Cardinals and Doug Drabek

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baseball club owners remained uncertain on Wednesday whether they would reopen their labor con-Earlier this year NEW YORK - Greg Maddux, tract with the players, a move that many in baseball believe could lead to a lockout of the players next

spring. The New York Times reported from Scottsdale, Arizona. The idea of a lockout has made a

significant number of clubs reconsider their thinking about the contract.

commissioner, said that neither the six-member board of directors of vote to be taken. the Player Relations Committee, which is the owners' bargaining unit, nor the owners in general had and Richard Ravitch, their chief reached a consensus on the issue.

of discussion at the second day of the two-day owners meeting at the

Earlier this year, the owners appeared certain to decide to reopen. Almost just as certain, it seemed, was the owners' intention to lock out the players next spring if no new agreement were in place.

However, the mood among the owners has changed to the point where one owner recently said the reopener was "up in the air."

Bud Selig of the Milwankee
Brewers, who is in charge of the
major leagues in the absence of a

Selig emphasized that Wednesday was a day for discussion, not
for voting, although some owners Selig was asked if the owners

labor executive, were delaying a The reopener was a major topic vote to try to gain support for that "That's not correct," he respond-

Scottsdale Plaza Resort. The cur- ed. "I know that's been said, but I rent agreement, which ended a don't think a lot of clubs have made lockout in March 1990, expires at up their minds. A lot don't know the end of 1993, but either side can what other clubs think."

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of the Pittsburgh Pirates. Maddux, the first 20-game winner for the Cubs since Rick Renschel in 1977, gave up four or fewer hits in 12 of his 36 starts, pitched 268 innings, had 9 comple and struck ont 129. The Cubs, who finished with a 78-84 record, scored just 8 runs in his 11 losses. Maddux also won his third Gold eague pitchers in total chances. No Decision on Contract One month before the deadline

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This Is an Even Trade? By Russell Baker

OBSERVER

WASHINGTON — If I understand this, which is unlikely, our trade war with Europe is about soybeans. Before reading this in a newspaper, I hadn't even known that soy came in beans. I thought it was confined to Chinese restan-

Well, it's not. American farmers, it turns out, grow it in bean form and try to sell it all over the world, but the Europeans are keeping it out of their markets. Naturally, this enrages our soy farmers because while Europeans are chintzy about taking our soy, we are letting them send us wine galore.

To details: The American plan for bringing the Europeans to their senses soy-wise is to triple the import duty on European white wines. The immediate question is, if this is a war of agricultural tit-

for-tat, why wine? Why not Parma ham, Scotch whishy, Danish cheese, German farm machinery? For that matter, why only white wine? Why not red

f took this last question to a friend named Holmes, a man deucedly clever, as the British say, in deductive reasoning. "Elementary, Caven-dish," he explained, obviously too exhausted by an excess of deductive

buried Cavendish eight years ago, the consequence of his stubborn adherence to martinis at a time when fashionable humanity had turned to wine spritzers and jogging.

"You have obviously not seen the recent news reports from France indicating that drinking red wine may prevent heart attack," said Holmes. "Doubtful though this conclusion may be, any government move to cut red-wine consumption would incense the millions of Americans who live only to pursue the dream of living forever, no matter how miserable it makes them."

So white wine, I said with a gasp of recognition, was the only European wine our government could price out of the market with impunity!

The nasty, shocking fact is that the white-wine price run-up is a bald-faced ettack not on the entire European Community but solely

Thus: The United States protects

ftaly by favoring red wine; to wit, Chianti. Germany is not hurt either because, though Germany produces only white wine, so few Americans lese" that our market for it is slight. France is the only country hurt by the white-wine attack. At Verdon

France had said of the Kaiser's ar-

mies, "They shall not pess." Now France was saying it of America's soys. This is a soyious situation. New York Times Service

Matisse Record in N.Y. Sale

By Souren Melikian national Herald Tribune

NEW YORK — In a major turnaround of the art market, Christie's scored a remarkable success with its sale of Impressionist and Modern paintings and sculpture.

Conducted by Christopher Burge, the president of Christie's, the sale Wednesday night totaled \$70.6 million. It peaked with Henri Matisse's "Harmony in Yellow" of 1927-1928, which set a world record for the artist, more than doubling its presale estimate, at \$14.52 million. The

The other great success was Claude Monet's composition of water lilies in a pond ("Waterlily Basin," in the catalogue) done in 1919, which ranks among the very finest of its kind and was arguably the greatest work in the sale, it went to an American collector for \$12.1 million. American private buyers took the lead in the sale, bagging five of the eight most

A significant factor was the auctioneer's readiness to sell far below the low estimate. The market for Impressionist and Modern works of art has readjusted at a level that is 40 to 50 percent of the prices reached at the height of the market in 1989.

Family Values, the Hollywood Version

By Bernard Weinraub New York Times Service

OS ANGELES - Studio executives, producers and agents, who over-whelmingly supported Bill Clinton and deplored Republican attacks on the town,

are developing an array of movies with a trendy theme. It's called family values. Not that Hollywood is suddenly rejecting violent or sexually explicit movies. Or that it is embracing precisely those family values espoused by the Republicans during the party's nominating convention last sum-

But there is a new wave of films, having to do far less with politics than profits, that are family-oriented, generally happy or tearful (or both), and rated PG or PG-13.

Several of these films will appear over the Thanksgiving-Christmas season, and two of them are viewed by exhibitors as the only sure successes of this important season. They are Disney's "Aladdin," which opened Wednesday in New York and Los Angeles and will open in the rest of the country on Nov. 25, and "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York," opening next Friday. Many more of them will flood into

The most obvious reason for the plethora of warm-hearted movies is the uncertain national economy, which has led studios to look for scripts meant to lure the wides possible audience, meaning families, who need an alternative at the local mail to the violence of "Basic Instinct" or "Lethal Weapon 3."
The studios and financiers are very con-

cerned that there's a very big family market to be tapped, and they're looking aggres-sively now to get filmmakers to make this material," said Jack Rapke, co-head of the motion picture department at the Creative Artists Agency, the largest in town. Some have also suggested that the grow-

ing number of yuppic studio executives who now have children of their own may have something to do with the feel-good flood too; when it's your children who are going to see "Basic Instinct," maybe the whole business looks different.

Although Hollywood executives are fond of pointing out this latest trend, the phrase "family values" hardly carries the same meaning here as that expressed by Vice President Dan Quayle, his wife, Marilyn, Patrick I, Buchanan and others before and during the Republican convention.

There, it was generally viewed as a phrase that implicity criticized alternative life styles, and was even seen as rebuking working mothers. In Hollywood, the term translates into far more predictable themes. To movie executives, a film like "Beauty and the Beast," for example, espouses the not-very-provocative notion that beauty is



Joe Pesci, MacAulay Culkin and Daniel Stera together again in "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York."

only skin deep. The message of a new Mei Gibson romance, "Forever Young," rated PG and opening Dec. 18, is that love transcends time and age. The film has left preview andiences in tears.

Every bit as important as the theme, of course, is the track record. Relatively inex-pensive films like "Home Alone" and "Honey, I Shrunk the Kids," as well as the more costly "Beauty and the Beast" were major hits, in part because children returned several times to see them.

In recent weeks, a film that has done much better then expected is Robert Red-ford's PG-rated drama "A River Rims Through It," about two brothers and their father, and their love of fly fishing, which is drawing a big family crowd. Joe Roth, who is leaving as chairman of

20th Century Fox and setting up an inde-pendent production outfit at the Disney studios, camions that family movies are not instant moneymakers, however. A number of them have collapsed on their first weekend. These include such duds as "Newsies," a Disney musical; "Ferngulan animated film with an environmentheme, and "Wild Hearts Can't Be

Broken," a family film about a blind girl who learns to ride horses. "Some of these movies aren't worth a plug nickel," he said. "The trick is to come up with movies that actually aren't too soft, that play through the spectrum of the family

anxious about the trend and the direction in which Hollywood seems to be moving. Ron Shelton, the screenwriter and diector of such hits as "Bull Durham" and "White Men Can't Jump," said in an interview: "It's discouraging. Studios are going the way of television networks. What 'mainstream' really means is the lowest common denominator. The reason for this

is that television people are now running a lot of the studios. You sit with these people and they don't know what a movie is. It's television on a large screen. "People who used to run studios were different. Sure, you couldn't talk about life experiences because they didn't have any. But you could talk in terms of movies. You could say, I have an idea that's a cross

between 'Sonset Boulevard' and 'Straw Dogs,' " and they'd know what you're

nset Boulevard' and 'Straw

talking about. These people today have never heard of Billy Wilder. Or Sam Peck-

never heard of Billy Wilder. Or Sam Peckinpah. They don't know movies!"

Paul Mazursky, whose many credits include "Down and Out in Beverly Hills," and "Enemies: A Love Story," is more philosophical. With a sigh he said: "The word 'mainstream' is what f hear a lot. Will it last? I doubt it. None of these cycles last. The mindless pictures just seem to make more money. In the 20 years I've been making movies, there have been so many trends. Today, it's this one; two years from now it'll be something else."

But for now, studios seem to be adding to their list of family films, either in development or production, almost daily. Nor is the response to the family film boomlet all positive, especially among some directors and writers who are plainly

opment or production, almost daily.
"The number of these family films unusual," said Rick Nicita, co-head of Creative Artists' motion picture department. "But I don't think studios have created a mandate that says, 'Let's make family films.' With rising costs, they want to appeal to the broadest possible andience. The higher the rating, the fewer people are excluded, It's really economic rather than appears and provide the control of the contr er than conceptual. Dollars and cents. A desirable G-rated film has got to make more money than a desirable NC-17."

PEOPLE

Zsa Zsa Skips a Party. And Snubs a Judge, Too

A jury in San Antonio, Tema, ordered Zea Zea Gabor to pay \$3 million for breaking an \$11,000 contract, and the presiding judge thundered that he hopes the plamtiff "collects every mickel" Gabor had taken on a publicity contract to "mingle" with people at a celebrity
"fantasy week" in the Texas Venice, but just didn't show up. Not even for her date in court over the suit. U.S. District Judge Lucius Baseon, who was not amused accused La Gabor of thumbing her nose at the judicial system. The choice Cabor of the system of the s clusive Gabor, who is known for not taking any guff from police-men, let alone judges, is appealing.

Daniel Ducruet, the bodyguard turned boyfriend of Princess Satebanic of Monaco, who was accused of assaulting a man in 1990, skipped a judicial hearing in Nice on Thursday. Ducruet has been iving with the princess in her high-rise in Monaco, and is the father of the child she is expecting later the month... Stephanie's brother, Prince Albert, has been sued by a California woman, Tassara Rotolo, who claims he fathered her baby daughter. She wants Albert to sub-mit to blood tests, but neither the prince nor the palace has respond-

Diana. Princess of Wales, went to a surprise party for the doctor who delivered her children. Sir George, Pinker, who retired in 1990, thought he was attending a small huncheon to inaugurate a charity fund for women's health, but when he arrived at London's Grosvenor House Hotel, he found 1,000 guests waiting including the princess.... The Duckess of York, meanwhile says she intends to keep a low pro-file and continue her work for charity despite the hoopla surrounding her separation from Prince. An-

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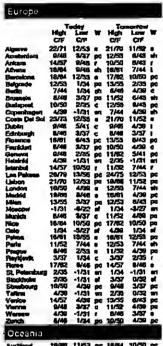
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Ivana Trump was barred from driving by for a gander at Presi-dent-elect Bill Chaton's home in Little Rock by the Secret Service.

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O Nesa York Times, edited by Eugene Malesk

WEATHER



A BUS OF MY OWN

\$22.95. Putnam.

Reviewed by

Michael Skube

By Jim Lehrer, 270 pages.

IM LEHRER remembers the

hiss of overheated radiators and

the smell of gasoline, and he remem-bers the ticket agent's summons.

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This is your first call for the Conti-

nental Trailways five-fifteen P.M.

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liner to Houston and Dallas, now

leaving from lane one. . . . Don't

forget your baggage, please!"
Buses are in Jim Lehrer's blood,

buses of the kind his father drove on

out-of-the-way routes in Kansas

and, later, Texas. "A Bus of My Own" is a memorabiliast's field

North America
Cold air will engul the Midwest, the Northeast and
much of the southeastern
portions of the United States
this weekend. The cold will
be somewhat offset by sunshine in Atlanta and Weshington, O.C., but snow flurries are possible in Detroit
Saturday.

guide, a journalist's grab-bag of an-

ecdotes, a heart-attack survivor's

tell-all, but beneath all of this it is a son's testament to the failed ambi-

tions of his father. If it had been

only or even primarily that, "A Bus

of My Own" would have been much

the richer. As it is, the book rattles along like one of the jalopies of

intercity bus travel from his boy-

hood, without giving much sense of

"This began," Lehrer writes, "as standard 'How I Had a Heart

Attack and Bought a Bus' kind of

book. There were nearly six years

from one to the other, from having

the heart attack that caused me to

think I was going to die to buying a beautiful 1946 Flxible Clipper bus that caused me to know I definitely

hadn't. I thought I might have

some things to tell and to say about

a man on life's journey.

BOOKS

those years of recovery and survival

that could be of interest to anyone

confronting a similar experience.

But it turned out not to be that

simple. There needed to be context

and background. So I started put-

ting some in here and there, and

then some more here and there, and

When Lehrer says he started put-

ting in some here and there, he is

being more bonest than perhaps a

memoirist should. In its essentials

"A Bus of My Own" is an affecting

story that suffers from a surfeit of

not very interesting filler, as well as

Lehrer, whom most know as the

Washington co-host of "MacNeil-Lehrer Newshour," is a bona fide

bus nut. He travels the country in

search of logos of defunct bus lines;

from careless editing.

soon it was something else."

lain behind a garage, forgotten, in

afford to buy for his little bus line

man immigrants, an upstanding

man with an eighth-grade education "and a deep belief that all you need-

ed to make it in this country was a good idea and a willingness to

work." In the 1940s, when Jim and

his brother were boys, their parents

tried to make a go of it in intercity

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writes. "And he never got over it."

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By Alan Truscott

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in aid of the Israel Cancer Research

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were Lynn Turnopol and Selma

Schlechter, both of Manhattan.

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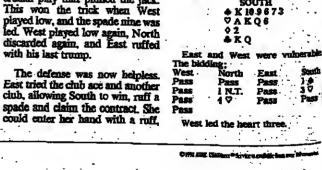
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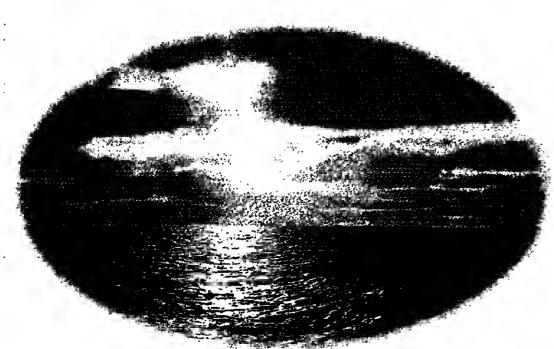
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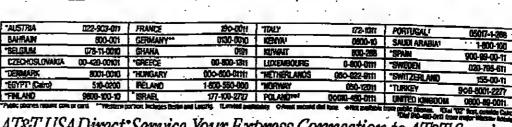
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